

THE MAPLE

November 2025

Morrisville United Methodist Church



Remembering, Giving Thanks, and Looking Forward

Every year, Christians worldwide observe All Saints Day on the first Sunday of November. Whether we are Catholic, Orthodox, or Protestant, we observe All Saints' Day. In the United Methodist Church, it is an age-old and familiar tradition of remembrance and hope.

All Saints Sunday is an opportunity to remember loved ones and parishioners those who have gone before us in faith, the "great cloud of witnesses" described by the writer of Hebrews (12:1). These saints of God include family members, friends, mentors, and church members who lived their lives faithfully, with grace and love, allowing others to experience God's grace through them. Notice, I didn't say they lived perfect lives.

At Morrisville United Methodist Church, we will honor five saints who have joined the Church Triumphant since the last All Saints Day. During worship, we will speak their names, invite their loved ones to light candles in their remembrance, and give thanks for their lives. This liturgical act reminds us that we are part of something far larger than ourselves; that we are part of the communion of saints that transcends time and place.

For Protestants (non-Catholics), "saints" are not limited to a select few. In Scripture, Paul addressed all believers as saints because sainthood is not something we earn—it is a gift of God's grace. All Saints Sunday reminds us that the same grace that shaped the lives of those we remember also works in us today to shape us. We refer to this grace as sanctifying grace.

At Morrisville UMC, we see God's grace at work in many ways—through those who serve, teach, sing, cook, pray, and care for others. Each act of love is a testimony to God's transforming power. The saints of yesterday encourage the saints of today to keep shining the light of Christ in our community and beyond.

All Saints Sunday is not only about memory—it is also about hope, our hope in the Lord. As we name those who have died, we publicly state our belief in the resurrection and the promise of eternal life. We celebrate that death is not the end, but the doorway into God's everlasting presence. As we gather this year, may we remember with gratitude, live with faith, and look forward with hope—trusting that one day we will all join that great multitude of saints around God's throne, singing together, "Holy, holy, holy is the Lord!"

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.

November Calendar

11/1

9am-1pm Soup Making - Kitchen

11/2

Treasures & Treats Drop-off – Fellowship Hall

11/3

Treasures & Treats Drop-off – Fellowship Hall

11/4

All day – Life Screening Event – Fellowship Hall

5-7:00pm – IFA Backpacks – Main Entrance

11/5

Treasures & Treats Drop-off – Fellowship Hall

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

11/6

Treasures & Treats Drop-off – Fellowship Hall

6:30pm – Prayer Shawl Ministry - Lounge

11/7

Treasures & Treats Drop-off – Fellowship Hall

11/8

8:00am – Men's Bible Study - Lounge

9-11am – IFA Backpacks – Fellowship Hall

9am-2pm – Treasures & Treats – Fellowship Hall

1:30-9:45pm – NA Speaker Jam – Room 30/31 & Fellowship Hall

11/9

11:00am-noon Soup Pick-up – Fellowship Hall

11:00am – New Member Class – Youth Room

1:00-6:00pm – Private Event – Fellowship Hall

11/10

7:00pm – Finance Meeting - Library

11/12

7:00pm – Trustees Meeting - Library

11/15

12:00-6:00pm – NA Speaker Jam – Fellowship Hall

11/16

9:00am-3:00pm – Shared Meal Prep – Kitchen

11:00am – New Member Class – Youth Room

3:00-5:00pm – Girl Scout Unit Meeting – Room 30/31

5:20-8:30pm – STP Dance – Fellowship Hall

11/17

5:00pm – Charge Conference light supper – Fellowship Hall

6:00pm charge Conference – Fellowship Hall

11/18

1:00pm – SPRC – Room 10

1:00pm – Marcia Ruth Circle – Lounge

5:00-7:00pm Shared Meal – Fellowship Hall

5:00-7:00pm – IFA Backpacks – Main entrance

11/19

1:00pm – Methodist Ladies Who Lunch – Chili's

11/20

9:00am-4:00pm – Turkey Baskets – Fellowship Hall

11/21

9:00am-4:00pm – Turkey Baskets – Fellowship Hall

11/22

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

10:00am-10:00pm – Turkey Baskets Handout – Fellowship Hall

11/23

12:00-8:00pm – Private Event – Fellowship Hall

11/25

4:00-9:00pm – ESL Thanksgiving Dinner – Fellowship Hall

5:00-6:15pm – Church Council Meeting – Room 10

11/27 & 28

Church office & food pantry closed for Thanksgiving

WEEKLY EVENTS

Sundays

10:00am – Worship Service - Sanctuary

10:00am – Sunday School – Room 10

11:00am – Hospitality - Lounge

7:00pm – Alcoholics Anonymous – Fellowship Hall

Mondays

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 3, 10, Library

Wednesdays

10:30am – ESL – Rooms 3, 10, Library

Thursdays

6:30pm – ESL – Room 10, 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 will be using the "Living Faith" Adult Bible Study series. 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!

MUMC CHARGE CONFERENCE is Monday, November 17th 2025 at 6:00pm, in Fellowship Hall. A light supper will be served about 5:30pm. Members of the congregation are encouraged to attend. All lay leaders are required to attend (Church Council and Trustees).

The purpose of the charge conference is to review a congregation's progress, set goals for the coming year, approve the pastor's compensation, elect congregational leaders, approve candidates for ministry, and approve building programs.

Please RSVP to the church office by November 11th to let us know you plan to attend so we can have a count for the light supper. Thank you!

THANKSGIVING BASKETS ANNUAL GIVE-AWAY

The Mission Team will be distributing Thanksgiving baskets again this year to families in need. Your participation in this annual Mission project is greatly appreciated! A shopping cart will be in the church lounge for donations starting October 12th and the last day for donations is November 9th.

If you know of anyone who may need assistance this Thanksgiving season, please let Roxanne in the office know.

Gift cards from Giant and Shop Rite are welcome and needed. These will be used to purchase perishables like potatoes. These cards are available through our Scrip program. See Dave Sample in the Lounge during hospitality to purchase them.

Turkeys are being provided by the owner of Fame restaurant. Their extreme generosity will allow us to serve many of our neighbors in need.

Suggested donation from you:

Corn muffin mix	Canned corn
Green beans	black beans
Turkey gravy	White rice
Sweet potatoes	Cranberry sauce
Stuffing	
Turkey sized disposable roasting pan	

Thank you, good people, for exhibiting God's love in a practical way!

Deborah Chapman and the Missions Team



**SATURDAY MORNING MEN'S
GROUP**

Our next Men's Bible Study is Saturday, November 8th, 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.

E-GIVING Great News Everyone! 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.



FINANCE COMMITTEE UPDATE

We are in the process of putting our budget together for next year. It is not too late to turn in your Faith Promise Sheet. Please either mail it to the church office or put it in the offering plate on Sunday. We are looking forward to reaching our goal of \$200,000 by the middle of November. Once again thank you for your generous giving and helping us plan for 2026. An update will be made in church on November 9th.

In Christ,
Jim Rea, Finance Chair



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!

MEMBERSHIP Do We have your correct email address? 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.



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

Treasures & Treats

Morrisville United Methodist
Church
501 W. Maple Ave, Morrisville

Sat., Nov. 8th

8am-2pm



Bake Sale

**Vintage Treasures
Jewelry & Crafts
Café- eat with us!**

*Proceeds go to Mission Projects of
Morrisville United Women in Faith*



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

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sunday School Classes for children up to age 12 take place immediately following



United
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in Faith

NOVEMBER SCHEDULE

NO GENERAL MEETING

SOUP SALE

Pick up orders:

Saturday November 8, 10:00 a.m.- 1:30 p.m.

Sunday, November 9, 11:00 a.m. – 12 noon

*Also, Saturday, November 8, find bargains at our
Treasures and Treats Sale
(All sales Cash or Check only!!)*

NOVEMBER 18

MARCIA-RUTH CIRCLE

7:00 P.M. – Church Lounge

Hostess: Margy Dickson

Devotion: Margy Dickson

NOVEMBER 19

METHODIST LADIES WHO LUNCH – 1:00 P.M.

Chili's

610 Commerce Road

Fairless Hills, PA 19030

ADULT CHRISTMAS PARTY – Saturday, December 6th, 6:00pm

Thank you, Hal Long, for graciously opening his house to us again this year! Please bring a dish to share. There will be a sign-up sheet on the SIGN-UP CENTRAL table in the main hallway. Please sign up for bringing a main course, side dish/vegetable, or dessert. Again, this year, we are including a "white elephant" gift exchange (bring a wrapped funny gift/something you no longer want). **Hal's address is: 2306 Lakeview Drive, Yardley.** Let us know if you need a ride (Joyce Bigley & Linda Mier). The more the merrier and we hope to see you there!



The ESL ministry invites you to join us on Tuesday, November 25th at 6:30pm for our Thanksgiving potluck dinner.

Name: _____

Will you attend? _____ Yes _____ No

How many people will you bring? _____

Can you help set up on Tuesday, November 25th at 4:00pm.

_____ Yes _____ No

Can you stay to clean up?

_____ Yes _____ No

Place in the basket on the table in the Lounge.



Current Prayer Concerns



Prayers for victims in the following places:

Earthquakes

- Afghanistan: A 6.3-magnitude earthquake on November 3, 2025, killed 20 people and injured over 300. This was followed by another earthquake on the same day, just hours later.
- Philippines: A 5.8-magnitude earthquake struck Negros Island on November 3, 2025.
- Indonesia: Rescue efforts are underway after a recent earthquake and subsequent floods in the country.

Floods and landslides

- Kenya: A landslide in western Kenya on November 3, 2025, killed 26 people, with 25 others still missing.
- Indonesia: Flooding has occurred in the country, with an unknown number of people

missing in the Papua region as of November 3, 2025.

- Vietnam: The death toll from recent floods has risen to 35.
- Hurricane Melissa: Caused widespread damage in the Caribbean, including in Jamaica and Haiti, as reported in early November 2025.
- Prayers for the UMC in Liberia, Nigeria, Zimbabwe, Philippines as they face attacks from former UMC members.

Prayers for all affected by the government shutdown.

Prayers for Alice South, Tyrone Frisby, Sonia Robinson, Andy McCall, Tom Miller, Ann Hook, Carol Hughes, Pam Manners, Toby Ellsworth, Jimmy Ellsworth, Thomas Manners, Paul & Marian Chapman, Sue Urbano

Luisa Proaño (friend of Hal Long)
Arlene Eberly (Cheryl Scott's mother)
Wanda de Jesus (Beditza Cadillo's sister)
Sandra MacKinnon (Steve Russell's mother)
Philip Buehler (Becky Kent's brother-in-law)
Lisa (friend of Joyce Bigley)
Nanette (cousin of Hal Long)
Kevin and Armanda Green (friends of Merlene Taylor)
Betty Hancock (friend of Debbie Eickhoff)
Beatrice Sanabna (friend of Beditza Cadillo)
Jill Seagrass (friend of Vera Straley)
Eileen (friend of Joyce Bigley)
Sarah (close friend of Lois Avery's grandson's fiancée)
Anna (a former member's daughter)
Kaleb Kovalik (great grandson of Vera Straley)
Maryanne (friend of Joyce Bigley)
Carlton Smires (Estella Smires' cousin)



Happy Anniversary

Keith & Kathy Berry November 1
Robert & Brenda Jones November 2
Jim & Flo Dugan November 17



Happy Birthday

Deborah Chapman November 1
Amy Surdy November 1
Heather Davidson November 3
David Miller November 4
Charlotte Swenson November 5
James Nagbe November 7
Joshua Quarterman November 9
Carol Somers November 9
Grace Terry November 9
Karin Trimble November 9