

THE MAPLE

March 2025

Morrisville United Methodist Church

Greetings Morrisville UMC,

Epiphany!

As Epiphany transitions to Lent, we go from seeing the light of Christ in the world to being the light of Christ in the world as we embrace Lent's calling to all to be more Christlike, be more penitent, and be observant of the ways of Christ in the world.

This Lenten Season will find us studying one of my favorite books of the Bible, the Epistle of James. James is a letter written to Jewish Christians scattered about the known world. Its message calls the Church in 45AD to a Practical Christian Ethic, and still speaks to us today. We will explore what this means for us as the church over the 40 days of Lent, beginning Sunday, March 9. I invite you to start reading James and prepare yourselves for our conversation series.

Ministry and Outreach!

One of the highlights of any ministry is how much outreach they do. Here in Morrisville, we do several outreach ministries. And for that I am grateful. From ESL to the Food Pantry to the monthly Shared Meals, it is all an excellent witness to our community that we are called to be the hands and feet of Christ to the world. To continue to do this work with excellence, we need more volunteers.

Now, I know that we are all busy, and some may find it challenging to commit to regular stints at the Food Pantry, setting up for Communion, or singing in the Choir. What

would it look like if we were to commit to perhaps one day a month or once every other week? That way, more of us would be involved, and the ministries we support would reach more people for extended periods. If more of us become involved, the chance of our ministries remaining a reality will be better.

A good example is our children's ministry. We need individuals who can fill in once or twice a month on Sundays to staff the children's Sunday School or to do the children's message during worship. See Barb Lombardo or Joyce Bigley to sign up.

Thank you!

Thank you for your continued support of Morrisville UMC's ministries. Every dollar allows us to do ministry, and every hour donated ensures that someone experiences the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Every time we show up, people are reminded that community has value!

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

3/4

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

3/5

7:00pm – Ash Wednesday Service - Sanctuary

3/8

8:00am – Men's Bible Study - Lounge

9:00am – IFA Backpacks – Main Entrance

3/9

11:15am – Abby LaVecchia Reception – Lounge

3/10

7:00pm – Marcia Ruth Circle – Lounge

3/12

6:30pm – Prayer Shawl Ministry - Lounge

7:00pm – Trustees Meeting - Library

3/16

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

3/18

1:00pm – SPRC – Room 10

4:00pm – Shared Meal – Fellowship Hall

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

6:30pm – UWF Presentation Viewing – Youth Rooms

3/19

1:00pm – Methodist Ladies Who Lunch – Outback Steakhouse

3/22

9:00am – IFA Backpacks – Main Entrance

3/23

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

3/25

7:00pm – Church Council Meeting – Room 10

3/26

6:30pm – Prayer Shawl Ministry - Lounge

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

12:00pm – Latino Ministry Worship Service - Sanctuary

7:00pm – Alcoholics Anonymous – Fellowship Hall

Mondays

10:00am – 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 – Room 21

6:30pm – ESL – Rooms 3, 10, Library

Wednesdays

10:30am – ESL – Rooms 3, 10, Library

6:00pm – Latino Band Practice - Sanctuary

Thursdays

6:00pm – Grief Share – Lounge

6:30pm – ESL – Room 10, Library

Fridays

7:30pm - NA - RM 30/31



PRAYER AND BIBLE STUDY TIME!

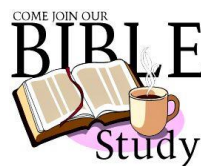
Come join our weekly Bible Study group every Tuesday at 10:00am in the Lounge. We will continue our discussion of the Book of James, so come ready to learn and share your insights. The schedule of weekly passages will be published in the Sunday worship bulletins.



CELEBRATING ABBY (March 9th, at 11:00am)

We have all felt a mix of emotions as Abby embarks on a new chapter in her musical career. For over 10 years, she has shared her incredible talent with us as our organist, choir leader, Musical Director, and so much more. Abby has enriched our worship and become a beloved friend and a cherished part of our MUMC family. While we are sad to see her go, we trust that God will continue to bless her work, and we send her off with our love and best wishes for her new ministry.

Please join us in the lounge on Sunday, March 9th, at 11:00am as we celebrate Abby's time with us. Enjoy refreshments, warm fellowship, and the opportunity to express our gratitude and well wishes. Let us come together to honor Abby and the lasting impact she has made on our church family!



The Sunday Adult Small Group meets upstairs in the Youth Room at 9 AM every Sunday morning. Please join us for fellowship, prayer, and Bible Study.



FOOD PANTRY UPDATE

Thanks to all of you, our pantry shelves are not as bare as they have been! However, we do need pasta, rice, canned tuna and chicken, canned vegetables, beans (all colors), Ravioli and SpaghettiOs. Please consider helping by donating for our neighbors in need.

Thank you for your continued generosity!
Deb Price & The Missions Outreach Team



Our Men's Bible Study meets every second Saturday of the month at 8AM in the MUMC church lounge. Come join us on March 8th. We welcome all men of our congregation and men from other churches. All you need to bring is yourself and your Bible. You can begin your weekend with good fellowship and encouragement from God's Word. Any questions call Dave Miller at 267-614-3836.

ORDINATION DATE!

Pastor K will be ordained in Baltimore, MD, on Thursday, May 15th. Stay tuned for more details!

FINANCE COMMITTEE UPDATE

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.

Jim Rea, Finance Chair



SEEKING GREETERS AND USHERS

Looking to serve MUMC on Sundays? We could use your bright smile and handshake as a greeter to welcome members, newcomers and guests. Just arrive about 20 minutes early, smile, and welcome everyone as they enter the sanctuary. Encourage guests to come again and have them fill out our visitor card so we can get to know them. You can donate your time on a weekly or monthly basis.



Ushers have a few more duties. Arrive about 30 minutes early. If bulletins are not in the narthex, retrieve them from the office to give to worshippers. Check, or turn on the lights, cross, candles, heat or air conditioning. Present the offering and record the number of those in attendance. After the service, scan the pews for papers, etc. left behind so the sanctuary

is ready for the next service. Usually ushers volunteer on a monthly basis, but schedules can be more flexible if needed.

If you are interested or have questions about either of these opportunities, please sign the sheet in the hall near Pastor K's office and I will contact you. Thanks for joining us in enhancing the atmosphere at MUMC and helping to make it friendly and welcoming for all who attend.

Carol Young (Usher and Greeter Coordinator)

CHURCH DIRECTORY 2025

A new copy of our church directory will be available on March 3. These will be sent out by email and you can download the PDF version to your cell phone so it's always with you; we can show you how to do this! Paper copies will also be available on hallway table. Thank you! Membership Team – Barb and Joyce.



WELCOME SPRING!

CHILDREN AND SUNDAY SCHOOL/NURSERY UPDATES

Helpers are still needed to get their clearances. Pastor K or Craig can help walk you through this process. We are looking to have a group of 8 people so we each only serve once every other month! See Barb Lombardo or Joyce Bigley



CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Thanks to all who have been volunteering to present our Children's Message. We love hearing these messages - for all ages! More volunteers are welcome. Sign up on the Sign-Up Central table outside of the pastor's office. See Joyce Bigley if you can please help in this area.



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!



- The quiche fundraiser was canceled due to the high price of eggs. An alternate fundraiser will be identified.
- The March UWF meeting is moving from March 9 to **March 16** in Fellowship Hall due to the farewell reception for Abby on the 9th. Bring a bag lunch. Beverages and desserts will be provided. All are welcome. Guest Speaker: Manny Abalo, talking about his life's journey. There's more to it than you think!
- Special Zoom Presentation **Tuesday, March 18**, starting at 7pm. Register and watch from home or else join us in the Youth Room to watch as a group. All are welcome. Program: An informative and inspiring lesson in history and theology from Rev. Dr. AnneMarie Mingo. Her lecture, "A Call for Courageous Resisters and Moral Leaders," will present selections from her extensive research on Black Churchwomen's leadership in the Civil Rights Movement. Rev. Dr. AnnaMarie Mingo is Associate Professor of Ethics, Culture, and Moral Leadership at Pittsburgh Theological Seminary and the author of *Have You Got Good Religion?: Black Women's Faith, Courage & Moral Leadership in the Civil Rights Movement*.

Monday, March 17, 2025

MARCIA-RUTH CIRCLE – 7:00 P.M.
 Location: Church Lounge
 Hostess: Carol Young
 Devotion/Study: Lillian Mannon

Wednesday, March 19, 2025

METHODIST LADIES WHO LUNCH
 Location: Outback Steakhouse
 650 Commerce Blvd, Fairless Hills, PA 19030
 Meet at church 12:30 P.M.
 (Contact Deb Chapman with any questions)



GRIEFSHARE MINISTRY – Morrisville United Methodist Church's GriefShare program will run until Thursday, May 1, 2025. If you have experienced the passing of a loved

one(s) and are seeking to find emotional support, hope & healing, consider joining GriefShare. In GriefShare, you will be able to engage with other men and women dealing with comparable issues and feelings. Individuals can sign-up at any time during the 13-week course of the program. Sign-up by going to GriefShare.org/findagroup. or contacting ElaineJoy Bramante at 302-740-9361.

Blessings,
 ElaineJoy Bramante



Interfaith Food Alliance

INTERFAITH FOOD ALLIANCE NEWS

The IFA continues to feed approximately 90 local families in need with the help of local faith communities, local grocery stores and the financial support of individuals and businesses in Lower Bucks County.

Coming Soon- On Sat. May 10th the Mail Carriers Food Drive for the 19067 Zip Code will be happening in our Fellowship Hall. It is a miracle to watch the gathering and distribution of food donated by our generous neighbors. Many hands make light work, so contact Rhonda Rea if you would like to volunteer for any amount of time on that day.

Let's play ball! On June 27th at 7pm the IFA friends and guests will be attending the Trenton Thunder game at Arm & Hammer Park in Trenton. If you are interested in attending the game, or sponsoring pantry guests to attend the game by making a monetary donation, please contact Rhonda Rea at jrpiz@aol.com or call 215-493-9505.

Targeted Food Donations for March to the IFA pantry are: Granola Bars, Cooking Oil, Pasta Sauce, and Mac & Cheese. (Please leave these donations in the blue striped bins outside of the Church Office.)

With prayers for a world where all are fed,

Rhonda Rea
 IFA Board Member-at-Large
jrpiz@aol.com
 215-493-9505

Current Prayer Concerns



Pray for God's peace for our nation and the world.
Pray for the Holy Spirit to help us to continue to grow in the knowledge of God through a relationship with Jesus Christ. Pray for the United Methodist Church in Liberia and Nigeria. Prayers for our new pastor, Rev. Raphael Koikoi, as we continue our journey together.

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

Lisa (friend of Joyce Bigley)
Carol Killerina (friend of Vera Straley)
Luis Diego (Lissette Amador's husband)
Ana Vazquez (Carol Young's daughter's mother-in-law)
Damian Carabello (Beditza Cadillo's nephew)
Marianne (friend of Joyce Bigley)
Roger and Diana Schnider (friends of Merlene Taylor)
David Pugh (Fran Pugh's son)
Bob (friend of the Swenson's)
Diane Hughes (sister of Carol Hughes)



ALTAR FLOWERS

If you would like to present flowers on the altar for Sunday morning worship, please call/email the church office or sign-up in the flower book on the table in the hallway providing all the details of who the flowers are in honor/memory of and what occasion you are commemorating. (Cost is \$40)



Happy Birthday

Alice South (100 years young!)	March 2
Bethany Macwana	March 5
Sujaya Swaroop	March 6
Savannah Rose Buehler	March 14
Elaine 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



Happy Anniversary

John & Anita Davidson	March 13
Dorott & Tarbil Abalo	March 18
Rosa and Joshua Quarterman	March 19



***The Morrisville
United Methodist Church
Latino Ministry***

Invites you every Sunday to our
Worship Service 12:00 pm

***Seeking, Serving and Sharing
Jesus Christ!***

***El Ministerio Latino de la
Iglesia Metodista Unida de Morrisville***

Te invita todos los domingos
a las 12:00 pm

a nuestros Servicios de Adoración

***Siguiendo, Sirviendo y Compartiendo a
Jesucristo!***