THE MAPLE

November 2026

Morrisville United Methodist Church

Greetings, Morrisville UMC,

Stewardship month has come and gone. Thank you for your attention to the stewardship messaging and sermons over the last several weeks. I hope both the messaging and the sermons blessed you. I also hope you have signed and turned in your pledge cards by now. If not, you still have a little time; Jim Rea and the Finance Team would be happy to accept them soon. Ultimately, stewardship is more than an annual campaign—it reflects our year-round commitment to God's mission.

October was an incredibly busy and productive month for us. We held our Church Charge Conference and formally decided to participate in The Bridges Pathways program over the next year. At Charge Conference, we also approved the 2027 Leadership Slate. This brings some wonderful changes to our lay leadership. I am excited that individuals who have not previously served in leadership roles at Morrisville UMC have stepped up to serve beginning January 1. At the same time, some who have served for a long time will take a well-deserved break beginning December 31 to focus on other things. We give profound thanks for and to both groups of servants. We celebrate the good work of our outgoing leaders, and we look forward to the good work new and continuing leaders will do in the coming year. I invite you to pray for all of them as we move forward together.

This spirit of good stewardship and leadership has been especially vital recently as we managed some unexpected property challenges. As you may know, a termite infestation required the church to replace a major portion of one of our sanctuary arches. I am deeply grateful to the Trustees for selecting a suitable partner to handle the work from start to finish. We can celebrate that the arch replacement was completed successfully without interrupting any of our church operations. In addition, we have established ongoing termite treatment and prevention protocols to prevent a recurrence. Thanks to Dave Burkhardt and the Trustees for their due diligence.
Furthermore, a perfect storm of autumn rains and clogged drains recently flooded our boiler room, damaging some equipment. Once again, the Trustees did a yeoman's job of identifying the problem and getting the water out of the flooded room. We have replaced the equipment, are installing drain extensions, and should have the clogged drain fully cleared soon.

I list these building occurrences for three important reasons:
First, because of your faithful, consistent stewardship, we possess the resources to make these necessary repairs immediately. Thank you.
Secondly, we want to celebrate the hands-on work of our current Trustees team, who have met these challenges head-on and gotten the work done. Again, thanks to Dave Burkhardt and the Trustee Team.
Finally, let us remember that we are blessed with a beautiful, aging property. Preventive maintenance is our best tool for ensuring we can continue to safely use this space to carry out our core mission of Seeking, Serving, and Sharing Jesus.

Thank you for being good stewards. Thank you for your dedicated service. I thank God for you.

Grace and peace!
Pastor K

For pastoral matters or emergencies, you may contact Pastor K at 281-620-9928 (mobile) or via email at pastorK@gmail.com. Please call the church office if you wish to schedule a meeting with him during the week.

November Calendar

11/4
6:30 p.m. – Prayer Shawl Group – Lounge
11/7
8:00am – 2:00pm – Treasures & Treats Sale – Fellowship Hall
10:00am – 1:30pm – Soup Sale Pick-up– Fellowship Hall
11/8
11:00am – NOON – Soup Sale Pick-up – Fellowship Hall
1:30pm – 4:30pm – Girl Scouts Housewarming Party – Fellowship Hall
11/9
All Day – Life Line Screening – Fellowship Hall
7:00pm - Boy Scouts – Fellowship Hall

11/10
5:00pm – 7:00pm – IFA backpacks – Main entrance
7:00pm – Finance Meeting - Library
11/11
Veteran's Day - closed – Office & Food Pantry closed
7:00p.m. – Trustees Meeting - Library
11/14
8:00a.m. – 11:00am – IFA Listening Session – Fellowship Hall
8:00 – Men's Bible Study – Lounge
9:00a.m. – IFA backpacks – Main entrance
NOON – 10:00pm – Church Couples dinner
11/15
9:00am – 3:00pm - Shared Meal Prep – Fellowship Hall
1:30pm – 2:00pm STP setup
2:00pm – 4:00pm – STP Dance
4:30pm – 5:00pm STP cleanup
11/16
1:00pm – 3:00pm - . – Marcia Ruth Circle – Lounge
6:30pm-8:00pm – setup & Naranon 6th Anniversary Meeting – Fellowship Hall
7:00 pm Boy Scouts – Youth Room (this month only)
11/17
5:30pm – 8:30pm – Shared Meal – Fellowship Hall
11/18
1:00pm – 3:00pm – Elizabeth Circle - Lounge
6:30 p.m. – Prayer Shawl Group – Lounge
11/18-11/20
10:00am – 2:00pm - Turkey Baskets prep – Fellowship Hall
11/21
9:00a.m - 11:00am. – IFA backpacks – Main entrance
10:00 a.m. – 2:00 pm – Turkey Baskets handout – Fellowship Hall
11/22
6:30pm – 8:30pm – Girl Scouts Service Unit Meeting – Cookie training - Lounge
11/24
5:00pm – 7:00pm – IFA backpacks – Main entrance
7:00pm – Church Council Meeting - Room 10
11/26 & /27
Thanksgiving Day Holiday – Office & Food Pantry closed Thursday, Office Closed Friday
11/28
9:00a.m. – IFA backpacks – Main entrance
9:00am – Fall Cleanup & Greening of Church

WEEKLY EVENTS

Sundays
9:00 a.m. – Small group Bible study – Youth Room
9:00 a.m. Choir Practice – Room 30/31
10:00 a.m. – Worship service – Sanctuary
10:00 a.m. – Sunday School – Room 10
11:00 a.m. – Hospitality – Lounge
7:00 p.m. – Alcoholics Anonymous – Fellowship Hall

Mondays
10:30 a.m – NOON – ESL Classes – Room 10, Library
7:00 p.m. – Boy Scouts – Fellowship Hall
7:00 p.m. – Nar-Anon – Room 10
8:00 p.m. – Narcotics Anonymous – Room 30/31

Tuesdays
10:00 a.m. – Bible Study – Lounge
6:15 p.m. – Girl Scout Troop 2129 – Rooms 23, 26, 30/31
6:30 p.m. – Girl Scout Troop 2692 – Lounge
6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. – ESL Classes -Youth Room, Room 10, Library

Wednesdays
10:30 a.m – NOON – ESL Classes – Room 10, Library

Thursdays
10:30 a.m – NOON – ESL Classes – Room 10, Library
7:00 p.m. – Choir Practice – Room 30/31
8:00 p.m. – Bell Choir Practice – Room 2

Fridays
7:30 p.m. – NA – Room 30/31

PRAYER AND BIBLE STUDY TIME! Continues on Tuesdays at 10:00 a.m. in the meeting room. Come join us as we study Bad Girls of the Bible.



- Pastor K

SMALL GROUP SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY meets 9:00a.m. – 9:45a.m. in the Youth Room.





SATURDAY MORNING MEN'S GROUP

Our next men's Bible study will be on Saturday, November 14th at 8:00 a.m. in the Lounge. We will continue our study of "THE MAN CODE: 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, please call Dave Miller.

FINANCE COMMITTEE



The church's budget for 2027 will be finalized and approved by the Church Council on November 24 th . If you intend to make a Faith Promise for next year, please assist us by completing and turning your Faith Promise Cards as soon as possible. A narrative budget will be published in December along with the line item budget for those who are interested in seeing where your church spends the money.

In Christ,
Jim Rea, Finance Chair

ONLINE DONATIONS: We now have a QR code you can scan to access our online donation site directly. By scanning the code below with your smartphone, you can send your offering to the church's General Fund, the Communion/Pastoral Fund, or the Missions Fund. This is the same link available on our church website. Thank you always for your faithful contributions to Christ's work here in Morrisville.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE



Thank you to all the men and women who have kindly volunteered to present the children's message during the Sunday service. We could always use more volunteers to help share the teaching responsibilities in the future. If you are interested in joining this rewarding ministry for our children, please sign up at the registration table located outside the pastor's office. Thank you for everything you do for our children, who are the church of the future. God bless you, Joyce.

FOOD PANTRY UPDATE



New (and not-so-new) needs for our community pantry: laundry detergent and hand soap, dryer sheets, boxes of facial tissues, hand sanitizer, mayonnaise, instant coffee, coffee creamer, sunscreen, feminine hygiene products, crackers, soft granola bars, snacks, and any high-protein foods. Thank you, wonderful people, for keeping our pantry going! Sincerely, Deb Price and the Mission team.



SCRIP GIFT CARDS

Please see Dave Sample at the table in the hall to purchase your Scrip gift cards. All proceeds from Scrip cards go to the church's general fund. If we don't have what you are looking for, we can place orders with most of the vendors on our list and have them ready for you by the following Sunday. Thank you!

<u>Life Line Screening Event – Monday, November 9th</u> – Morrisville United Methodist Church in Fellowship Hall – schedule your appointment now.



CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL This begins in the sanctuary at 10:00 am service. After the Children's Message, the children follow the teachers and walk to the nursery for a combined gathering. Younger children (PreK-2nd grade) then remain for their class and the older children (grades 3 and up) move to Room 10 for their class. We still need an adult helper with their clearances each week. Please join in helping us - our kids are fun to be with! We still need a couple more adult helpers so that this group only has to serve once every other month. Mr. Craig or Pastor



K will help you get your clearances - it's easy with their help! Come join us.
Nursery is available at 9:00 am for those parents going to adult bible study or choir practice.

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL - A Forward Look to December: Parents mark your calendars now for 2 important dates. Our annual Christmas Pageant/Tableau will be on Dec 20 during the 10:00 service. We will have a rehearsal on Dec 13 in the sanctuary immediately after church - about 11:15 for 20 minutes. Exciting news for parents: After Sunday School on Dec 20, we will keep the children for lunch upstairs in the youth room, show a Christmas movie and have some fun together. You may leave after the service with the teachers and don't have to come back to get them until 2:00! That's 2 ½ hours of free child care! Hope you'll enjoy your time alone to go out to eat, shop or just relax! And of course, if you prefer, you are also welcome to stay and join us!

YOUNG ADULT BIBLE STUDY LAUNCH

Young Adult Bible Study begins Wednesday, November 4, at 6:00 PM via Zoom. All are invited to join! See Vaa for the Zoom link and more information.

IMPORTANT NOTE FROM THE OFFICE

Bulletin announcements must be submitted by noon on Wednesdays. Please include the date, time(s), and location in the announcement you submit. Thank you!

ANGEL TREE PROJECT

Bring a smile to a child in our community this Christmas! Our Angel Tree will be located in our church lounge in early November, providing gifts for local children from our MUMC Food Pantry (Yellow tags) and the Interfaith Food Alliance (Blue tags). The targeted value for each gift should be $30-$35 so that children do not get gifts of different values within their families. Just take a tag, sign your name on the clipboard, including the family number and child's name from the tag that you choose, and purchase the gift wish of the child.

Please return the gift in a gift bag, with the angel tag, no later than Friday, Dec. 11.

Gifts should be returned to the church lounge or the church office.

Thank you for your generosity!

**Instructions for wrapping gifts- Please put gift in a gift BAG with tissue paper. This allows the gifts to be checked before they are given so that there are no mix-ups. Thanks for your help!

Questions? Call (Yellow tags) Deb Price- 215-946-6084 or any MUMC pantry helper

(Blue tags) Rhonda Rea- 215-493-9505

United Women in Faith

THE PURPOSE
United Women in Faith is a community of women whose purpose is:
To know God and experience freedom as whole persons through Jesus Christ;
To develop a creative and supportive community; and
To expand the concept of mission through participation in the global ministries of the church.
We welcome all women who commit to our Purpose, including you.
You do not need to be a member of The United Methodist Church to join. Our membership is diverse, including women of many races, cultures, and languages—both young and old. There is no minimum age requirement. We hope you will prayerfully consider joining this multicultural, multilingual, and multiracial women's organization.

All women are welcome to participate.

NOVEMBER SCHEDULE

NO GENERAL MEETING

SOUP SALE
Pick up orders:
Saturday November 7, 10:00 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.
Sunday, November 8, 11:00 a.m. – 12 noon
Also, Saturday, November 7, find bargains at our
Treasures and Treats Sale
(All sales Cash or Check only!)

NOVEMBER 16
MARCIA-RUTH CIRCLE
1:00 P.M.- Church Lounge
Hostess: Linda Mier
Leader/Devotions: Deborah Chapman
Book: TBD

NOVEMBER 18
METHODIST LADIES WHO LUNCH – 1:00 P.M.
Miller's Ale House
2250 Lincoln Highway
Langhorne, PA

COMING EVENTS



Treasures and Treats - 2026

IT'S THAT TIME OF YEAR AGAIN!
Treasures and Treats indoor yard sale is right around the corner! Saturday November 7, 2026
Treasures and Treats (formerly Granny's Attic) is a sale of crafts, baked goods, jewelry, Fall, Thanksgivings and Christmas decor and tableware. It is sponsored by the United Women in Faith and all proceeds will be used to fund mission projects.
You may leave donated items on the stage in Fellowship Hall any time from Sunday, November 1st thru Friday, November 6th..
You can be a great help! We are in need of items to sell. Please check your attics and closets to see if you have unwanted treasures that require a new home. (Please no clothing, furniture, or large electronic items. Save those items for our Indoor Yard sale in April).
As always, thank you for your help and support.

MAPLE MISSION MINUTES

MORE ABOUT OUR MISSION ACTIVITIES!
A big THANK YOU to all who generously donated school supplies. Along with Morrisville Night Out, IFA, and The Crossing Church, many children were able to begin school with new supplies.
Our Winter Coat Give-away is about to begin and will continue throughout the month of October. New and gently used coats, hats, gloves, scarves, and warm socks will help to keep many of our community members warmer this winter . . . . and there is still time to contribute. Hours will be the same as Pantry Hours – Monday-Thursday 10:30 am to 2:00 pm.
This brings us to November and another request for your help. We are hoping to provide the 'fixins' for 35 -40 Thanksgiving meals. To accomplish this, the following items are needed: turkeys and pans (of course!), 5 lb. bags of potatoes, 2 lb. bags of carrots, onions, gravy, canned black beans, applesauce, canned sweet potatoes, and canned corn. Please leave all these items in the decorated shopping cart by November 15th.
God calls us to be His hands and feet here on earth and to take care of our neighbors. These are each of the small ways of saying that we see you and you matter to us!
As always, thank you for your kindness and generosity.
❤️Carol Young, Deb Price & Mission Team Members

Family Backpack Center

November 2026
We will be open on the following dates:

Tuesday, November 10th	5-7 pm
Saturday, November 14th	9-11am
Saturday, November 21st	5-7 pm
Tuesday, November 24th	9-11am

Please remember to bring back reusable bags.
Por favor, recuerde traer de Vuelta las bolsas reutilizables.



Happy Anniversary

November

Keith & Kathy Berry.....November 01
Robert & Brenda Jones.....November 02
Roger & Erin Mayer.....November 03
Jim & Flo Dugan.....November 17th



Happy Birthday

November

Deborah Chapman.....November 1
Amy Surdy.....November 1
Heather Davidson..... November 3
David Miller..... November 4
Charlotte Swenson.....November 5
Mae Mae Campbell.....November 7

James Nagbe.....November 7
Joshua Quartrman..... November 9
Carol Somers.....November 9
Carin Trimble..... November 9
Jacob Pierce.....November 12
Blessing Forkpayea ..... November 14
George Duthie.....November 17
Jessica Hughes..... November 17
Dave Sample.....November 18
Keith Berry.....November 21
VK Macwana.....November 21
Noelle Koba..... November 27
Josephine Buehler.....November 28
Riley Buehler.....November 28
Henry Jartu.....November 28

Current Prayer Concerns



Please keep Mark and Denise Pierce and family in your prayers as they mourn the passing of Mark's mom, Lynn Pierce. Services will be on October 31 at Lititz UMC at 11:00 am. Prayers for Fabian Arias, son of Luis Guillermo and Carolyn Arias, recuperating at home, awaiting results from biopsy & for his family in Cuenca, Ecuador, Prayers for the passing of Cleotilde Herrera, grandmother of Rosa Inez Cruz & to keep the Cadillo family in prayer, Prayers for the passing of Humberto Pesantez, brother-in-law of Luis Guillermo and Carolyn Arias & for comfort for his family & community in Cuenca, Ecuador (Carolyn Di Pietro-Arias), Prayers for Sarah Doyle, niece of Jim & Rhonda Rea, serving in Ukraine as a member of Samaritans Purse for 3-4 months. Prayers for former pastor Jim MacMain's daughter, Cathy, going through cancer treatments at John Hopkins. Claire and Mickey McDevitt. Shirley Malmsbury's family. ElaineJoy Bramante. John Davidson. The family of Grace Terry. Michael Pugh, Minnie Wilson, Alice South, Tyrone Frisby, Andy McCall, Paul & Marian Chapman,
Joseph Urbano, Sue Urbano, Prayers for Swithin Swaroop, son of Rashmi Swaroop, attending LMU Medical College in Tennessee.
Ginny H, friend of Vera Straley

Alice Smith, Carol Young's aunt
Wendy Haugh, diagnosed with ALS (Linda Mier's childhood friend & baby sitter)
Vickey, is in a nursing home, requests prayers, (friend of Vera Straley)
Dave & Marianne Miller request prayers (on the unexpected loss of their daughter-in-law's mother) for Jennifer, their daughter-in-law, her father, & the entire family.
Chris Bonno, a long-time member, now is in ICU, probably going to hospice (Lois Avery & Rhonda Rea)
Fran Pugh's granddaughter, Abby, for passing EMT National Certification.
Fran & Vickie's cousin, Joanne, who is dealing with a back injury
The Carr family (healing from the loss of Robert A. Carr, Sr.)
Nynke, daughter of Irma (friend of Todd Whitter)
Lee (co-worker of Todd Whitter)
Family of Christine Jackson Weis, who passed suddenly (roommate of Linda Mier)
Paul Logan and family (loss of aunt)
Jimmy Duffy (friend of Mickey McDevitt)
Bob & Donna Lee (brother & sister-in-law of Nancy Pietrocarlo)
James Rhoads (friend of Barbara Foutty)
Brenda Jones (Phyllis Patterson's cousin)
Shelley (Fran Pugh's cousin)
Hannah Reed (Phyllis Patterson's granddaughter)
Sue DeShields (Allan Mannon's sister)
Mr. Napoleon (community member)
Erick Torres (Jennifer Koba's cousin)
Rakesh (Samson Shoukat's friend)
Tyler (friend of Todd Whitter)
Sandy MacKinnon (Steve Russell's parents)
Myles (friend of Todd Whitter)
Arlene Eberly (Cheryl Scott's mother),
Leslie Eberly (Cheryl Scott's sister)

Prayer Shawl Stitchers

We are a small but dedicated group that knits and crochets shawls for others in our church and community.
Meetings are on the first and third Wednesday from October until June 2027, from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m., in the Lounge.
Since we began in 2008, we have crafted and gifted over 350 shawls to people who are grieving or ill, celebrating a joyous occasion, or starting college, as well as to those we are welcoming or sending off with our best wishes.
We would love for more people to join us in blessing others in this way!
If you have questions, please call Rhonda Rea at 215-493-9505.