

THE MAPLE

Summer 2024

Morrisville United Methodist Church



A message from my heart...

"As a deer longs for flowing streams, so my soul longs for you, O God. My soul thirsts for God, for the living God." Psalm 42:1-2

As believers and even nonbelievers in Christ, many people are looking for something or someone to fulfill and satisfy them. Some people seek satisfaction or fulfillment in the pleasures of this life. Like buying material things, traveling, buying a house, moving to another state or country. Others will seek fulfillment in people. Their husband, wife, children, friends, coworkers. Some others seek satisfaction in their careers, studies, and performance.

The reality is that nothing will quench the thirst in our hearts and souls but God. It is our relationship with Jesus Christ that gives us real fulfillment. It is in Him that we can find peace, rest, and joy. It is in God that we will find the Water of Life that gushes up for eternal life.

In Psalm 42 the Psalmist was probably going through a time of spiritual dryness - a desert. He was suffering and in desperation. After he cries out to the Lord, he remembered times of joy and thanksgiving to the Lord. That gives him hope to say in verse 5 "Why are you cast down, O my soul, and why are you disquieted within me? Hope in God; for I shall again praise him, my help, and my God."

As part of our faith journey times of spiritual dryness will happen. It is not that you are in sin or that God is punishing you, not even that

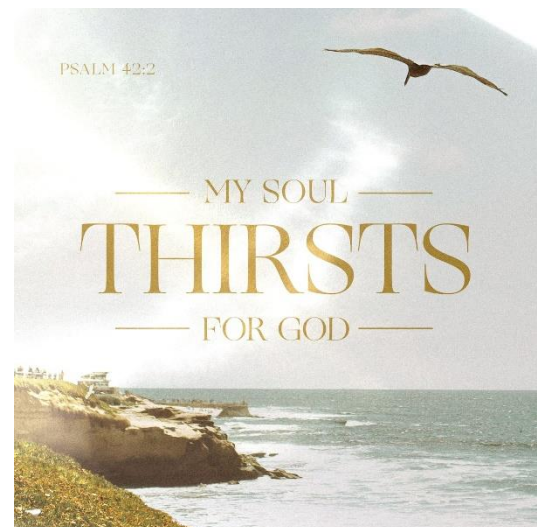
Satan is tempting you. I believe the Lord permits those times to bring us near to him. Those times help us to recognize and learn that the only fountain of satisfaction that lasts is God. When we are walking in the desert it feels like we are alone, dry, exhausted. It is then that we should remember all that the Lord has done for us and how he worked in our lives before, giving us victory.

If you are feeling like the Psalmist, like a deer who longs for flowing streams, if you feel your soul is thirsty, if you feel emptiness in your soul. Come to Christ. He is the Bread of Life, He is the Way, He is the Fountain of Living Water. He is the Only One who can satisfy your thirst.

Hope and trust in the Lord. He is teaching us how to depend on him. That it when we learn earthly things will lose their power of "satisfaction" in us because we are satisfied and fulfilled in Christ. Amen and amen.

Blessings in this month,

Pastor Olga



July and August Calendar

7/4

Food Pantry and Office closed for July 4th Holiday

7/9

5:00pm – IFA Backpacks - Main Entrance

7/13

9:00am – IFA Backpacks - Main Entrance

7/16

4:00pm – Shared Meal - Fellowship Hall

7/23

5:00pm – IFA Backpacks - Main Entrance

7/27

9:00am – IFA Backpacks - Main Entrance

9:00am – Private Party – Fellowship Hall

7/28

7:00pm – Girl Scout Camp Meeting – Fellowship Hall

8/4

5:00pm – Girl Scout Day Camp Meeting – Fellowship Hall

8/6

5:00pm – IFA Backpacks – Main Entrance

8/10

9:00am – IFA Backpacks – Main Entrance

9:00am – Private Party – Fellowship Hall

8/16

All Day – Blood Drive – Fellowship Hall

8/20

4:00pm – Shared Meal - Fellowship Hall

5:00pm – IFA Backpacks – Main Entrance

8/24

9:00am – IFA Backpacks – Main Entrance

WEEKLY EVENTS

Sundays

10:00am – Worship Service

11:00am – Hospitality - Lounge

7:00pm – Alcoholics Anonymous - Hall

Mondays

7:00 pm – Boy Scouts - Fellowship Hall

7:00 pm – Nar Anon - Room 10

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

Tuesdays

10:00am Conversation Café - Lounge

Fridays

7:30pm - NA - RM 30/31

August 5 – 9

All Day – Girl Scout Day Camp



PRAYER AND BIBLE STUDY TIME!

Tuesday morning Bible Study will take a break for the summer and resume in September.



Pastor Olga

FINANCE COMMITTEE UPDATE

Well, one half of the year has passed by quickly. Giving Statements for the period of January through June will be available in the hallway between the office and pastor Olga's office early in July. These are statements of your giving for the first half of the year and NOT a bill. Please pick yours up to save postage and review it for accuracy. You may contact Jim Rea or Barbara Lombardo through the church office if you have any questions. Thank you for your continued giving. It is very important.

In Christ, Jim Rea



Please help! This summer the need is great in our local community. We have given away most of the food we received from the Postal Carrier food drive in May, and our food pantry is starting to look empty. We need pasta sauce, boxed pasta, cereal, canned meat, canned veggies and fruit, rice, paper towels, Kleenex, toilet paper, laundry and dish soap, and personal care products such as shampoo, deodorant, toothpaste, and body wash.

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

Dear Pastor Olga and Congregation,

We would like to thank you for the beautiful devotionals given to us on Sunday for our Christian Education service. It is a pleasure to serve our children. We appreciate your kindness.

In Christian love,
The Education & Children's
Church Team





CHILDREN'S CHURCH

Thank you to all who have volunteered to help with the children's church time. We are looking for some additional

volunteers to give a short children's message during the service. We have materials you may use if needed. You do not need clearances to do this message. We'd love to have the children have more adults participating in this. Contact Joyce Bigley with any questions or if you want to sign up. Help in the nursery is still needed. It is an easy job. Craig reviews the children's message from church and presents a short activity to do. Then the children play for the second half of the hour. The kids love Craig and we are sure you will enjoy this time. Clearances are needed, but Craig or Roxanne in the office can help you with this; contact Barb Lombardo with any questions. Please consider joining this important way to serve your church.

If you can help with this vital ministry, sign up on the sheet outside Pastor Olga's office at the "Sign-up Central" table. The children would really appreciate you volunteering your time & talents.

Thanking you in advance,
Barb Lombardo and Joyce Bigley



Interfaith Food Alliance

Hunger does not take a vacation!

Please continue to support the IFA Family Backpack Center (pantry) with your donations of

cooking oil, condiments- catsup, mustard and mayo, and coffee and black tea. Items can be placed in the blue-striped bins outside the church office. Thank you!



We are ready to print a new church family directory. The final date to notify us of any changes to your information is July 8. A copy of the current directory is on the table in the

hallway to verify we have your information correct. Note: some changes that you previously told us about have already been updated in the system. Please let Roxanne in the office, Barb Lombardo, or Joyce Bigley know if there are changes to your information. Thank you!



United Women in Faith

Thank you to all who attended the Rose Breakfast, especially coordinators Deb Eickhoff and Joyce Bigley!

July 12-13- **Mission U** at the Chester Hotel in Exton, PA. Please pray for all who will attend including Morrisville UWF members Vera Straley, Sonia Robinson, Vaa Thomson and Rhonda Rea.

- Methodist Ladies who Lunch will meet again in September.
- Marcia-Ruth Circle and Morrisville UWF general meetings will also resume in September.



This past year Morrisville United Methodist Church's Grief Share program ran from March 7 – May 30, 2024 (13 weeks). We had 13 participants in the program with a Celebration of Life Dinner on June

13, 2024. Dinner was excellent and the evening was amazing. Each participant brought in a picture of their love one(s), spoke about them for a few minutes and then lit a candle and placed it in front of their picture. The interaction between everyone was a loving experience. We ended the evening in laughter, hugs, and appreciation.

We will begin a new Grief Share program this fall in September. Date is yet to be determined. A special "Thank You" to Pastor Olga who, without her willingness to serve in this group, it never would have been able to meet. She was an inspiration to me and to the other members of our Grief Share group. Another special "Thank You" to Deborah Chapman, who assisted me on several occasions throughout the 13 weeks and for her support in our Celebration of Life Dinner. And, yet another special "Thank You" to Roxanne, who is always willing to assist me with her expertise.

I am still looking for one or two more individuals who would be willing to share in the leadership of this Grief Share program. If you feel so led, please contact me at 302-740-9361.

Blessings,
ElaineJoy Bramante

Current Prayer Concerns



Pray for God's peace for our nation and the world.
 "Pray that God may open a door for our message, so
 that we proclaim the mystery of Christ." Colossians 4:3

Prayers for Lillian Mannon, Deb Price, Rosa (Cruz)
 Quarterman, Vera Straley, Dave Mier, Pam Manners,
 Toby Ellsworth, Jimmy Ellsworth, Thomas Manners,
 B.J. Lebegern, Paul & Marian Chapman, Sue Urbano

Dennis Hemphill (friend of Jane Burger)
 Jean (cousin of Joyce Bigley)
 Deb Finch (sister-in-law of Carol Young)
 Ty Gress (friend of the Swenson's)
 Maryann (friend of Vera Straley)
 Janet Fabian's brother
 Denise Holland (sister of Linda Herbster)
 Ellen (Bev Hoyer's niece)



PLEASE NOTE: Pastor Olga and Alexis
 will be on vacation July 1-15. While
 they are away the guest preachers will
 be:

July 7 – Merlene Taylor
 July 14 – Samson Shoukat

For pastor emergencies please contact Pastor Joe
 Martin, Fallsington UMC, at 215-593-4904 or
jomartplayer@aol.com



Happy Anniversary

Jim and Rhonda Rea (47 years) July 2
 Beditza and Jose Cadillo (17 years) July 14
 Lillian and Allan Mannon (36 years) July 16
 Emmanuel and Aneza Abalo (29 Years) August 1
 Dean and Margy Dickson (37 years) August 8
 Jaime and Scott Urban (19 years) August 13
 Alexis and Olga González August 20
 Matthew and Morgan Ahne (4 years) August 28



Happy Birthday

Patrick Burke July 1
 Ruth Harvick July 2
 Mandela Bull July 3
 Rhys Koba July 3
 Katy Kamara July 4
 Florence Massaquoi July 7
 Walt Nagbe July 9
 Mark Arruda July 11
 Brad Noble July 14
 Richard Manners July 15
 Nancy Sample July 15
 Aaron Hammer July 17
 Samantha Weed July 17
 Janet Fabian July 18
 Jane Burger July 19
 John Pietrocarlo July 19
 Madison Russell July 22
 Lois Avery July 24
 Josephine Karpeh-Kyne July 24
 Miriam Burkhardt July 30
 Amy Mealey July 30
 Kadija Yilla July 30
 Lori Decker August 2
 Richard Dulay August 3
 Michael Pugh August 3
 Robert Jones August 6
 Becky Kent August 10
 Ayana Melendez Ortiz August 12
 Janet Nagbe August 14
 Kathy Berry August 17
 Matthew Russell August 17
 Brandon Week August 17
 Jose Cadillo August 23
 TY Decker August 25
 Jose Cadillo August 26
 Scott Weed August 29
 Marian Makemson August 30
 Debbie Eickhoff August 31