

Greetings Morrisville UMC,

As we transition from Lent to Easter, we move from a season of holy introspection into a season of faithful action. Even Jesus models this movement for us—going from deep prayer and wrestling in the garden to full acceptance of the cross. Lent invites us to slow down, to examine our hearts, and to return to God with sincerity. For forty days, we have asked the Holy Spirit to search us, to create in us clean hearts, and to renew right spirits within us. We have confessed, prayed, fasted, and listened—drawing closer to the One who calls us beloved.

Now, Easter breaks in—not as a quiet reflection, but as a bold declaration. The resurrection of Jesus is not only about Jesus rising from the dead; it is about the reconciliation of all humanity to God. In Christ, death does not have the final word, and neither does sin, despair, or separation. Easter proclaims that new life is possible for all of us. The work begun in Lent—the softening of our hearts, the reordering of our lives—finds its expression in Easter joy. We do not simply observe resurrection; we are invited to live it.

On Palm Sunday, we were reminded through Bishop Cynthia Moore-Koikoi's sermon, "Don't Let the Stones Cry Out," that our praise must go beyond words. Jesus declared that if the people were silent, even the stones would cry out. That challenge lingers with us now. Having walked through Lent and arrived at Easter, will we offer a quiet, contained faith—or will we live in such a way that our very lives testify to God's goodness? Our "Hosannas" and "Hallelujahs" must become more than seasonal expressions; they must become daily acts of surrender, justice, mercy, and love.

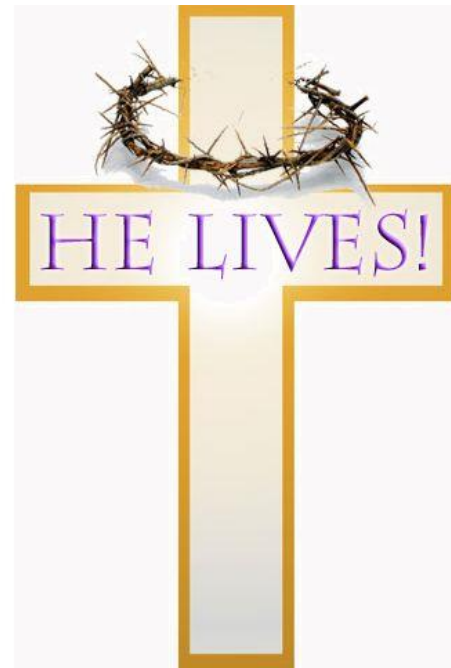
Ways we already do surrender, justice, mercy, and love are easily seen. The Food Pantry, our giving to the Pastor's Discretionary Fund, Extra mile giving, and Volunteering for varying ministries show our love. I am wondering what other ways we can express our praise for God? Perhaps choosing a fellow parishioner to do a kindness for. Perhaps randomly selecting a member of the community to assist. Or perhaps, figuring out how you can aid in growing young adult ministry. Or being intentional about attending the Spanish language service

or if you attend the Spanish language service, attending the English language service to get to know someone new. Or sign up for a ministry you haven't been a part of but have the skillset to assist with. Maybe sign up for a spiritual gifts assessment – your pastor can assist with that. I am wondering what that will mean and how that may change you. And someone else.

Easter tide, is an invitation to live joyfully and boldly because we have drawn closer to God. It calls us to respond to God's love by offering our whole selves—our time, our gifts, our compassion—for the transformation of the world. We are invited to follow Jesus not only to the cross, but into resurrected life. So, the question before us is simple: will we let the stones cry out, or will we live as people so transformed that our very lives become praise?

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.

April Calendar

4/1

YAF Bible Study – Youth Room

4/2

6:30pm – Prayer Shawl Ministry - Lounge

7:00pm – Maundy Thursday Service

4/3

Office and Food Pantry close at noon

4/4

1:00-10:00pm – Private Event – Fellowship Hall

4/6

Office and Food Pantry Closed

4/7

5:00-8:00pm – IFA Backpacks – Main Entrance

4/8

7:00pm – Trustees Meeting – Library

4/10

All day - Life Line Screening – Fellowship Hall

4/11

8:00am – Ben's Bible Study – Lounge

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

12:00-7:00pm – Latino Service – Fellowship Hall

4/12

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

4/13

Indoor Yard Sale Set-up – Fellowship Hall

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4/15

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1:00pm – Methodist Ladies Who Lunch – Fame Good Eats

5:30pm – Girl Scout First Aid Training – Room 26

7:00pm – ActorsNET Rehearsal – Room 30/31

3/16

Indoor Yard Sale Set-up – Fellowship Hall

6:30pm – Prayer Shawl Ministry - Lounge

7:00pm – ActorsNET Rehearsal – Room 30/31

4/17

Indoor Yard Sale Set-up – Fellowship Hall

4/18

8:00am-2:00pm Indoor Yard Sale – Fellowship Hall

4/19

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

12:30-3:00pm – Girl Scout Leader Appreciation – Fellowship Hall

5:30pm – STP Dance – Fellowship Hall

4/20

1:00pm – Marcia-Ruth Circle - Lounge

4/21

5:30-7:00pm Shared Meal – Fellowship Hall

4/22

7:00pm – ActorsNET Rehearsal – Fellowship Hall

4/23

7:00pm – ActorsNET Rehearsal – Fellowship Hall

4/24

6:00-9:30pm – NA Fashion Show Practice – Fellowship Hall

4/25

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

12:00-7:00pm – Speaker Jam – Fellowship Hall

4/26

7:00am-6:00pm – Private Event – Fellowship Hall

4/28

7:00pm – ActorsNET Rehearsal – Fellowship Hall

4/29

5:00-8:00pm IFA Paint Along – Fellowship Hall

4/30

7:00pm – ActorsNET Rehearsal – Fellowship Hall

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!

Bible Study will take a short break and resume on April 28th.

Pastor K



SMALL GROUP SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE

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



THE NEW CHURCH DIRECTORY IS HERE The updated directory was emailed to everyone at the end of March. Please let the church office know if you did not receive it and one will be emailed to you. Thanks!

Joyce Bigley and Barb Lombardo



SATURDAY MORNING MEN'S GROUP

Our next Men's Bible Study is Saturday, April 11th, at 8AM in the MUMC church lounge. We will continue to look at "THE MAN CODE: 12 PRIORITIES EVERY MAN NEEDS TO KNOW". Come and join a wonderful group of men who share with and encourage each other. Start your weekend off with an uplifting look into God's Word. If you have any questions, contact Dave Miller or talk to any of the men who have attended this men's fellowship.

FINANCE COMMITTEE One of the missions of our church is the Pastor's Discretionary Fund. This is financed above and beyond the budget by generous gifts from members. This fund is used by both members and local people in need of financial help. There is never enough money to meet all the requests received. The need is great and the Pastor and Roxanne use due diligence to ensure the fund is used wisely. Research is completed on every request and the money is sent directly to an agency, landlord or company and not directly to the person or family requesting help. Our food pantry is always available for food assistance. As we complete the Lenten Season and celebrate Easter, please consider an extra donation to the Pastor's Discretionary Fund. Thank you!



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

FOOD PANTRY UPDATE

We need canned chicken, canned tuna, ravioli, instant coffee, pasta sauce, boxed pasta, cereal, hand lotion, rice (1 or 2 lb. bags), peanut butter, cereal, deodorant, toothpaste, and fresh oranges, tangerines, onions, and 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



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!



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 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!

APRIL SCHEDULE

NO UWF GENERAL MEETING

April 15

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

Luncheon – Fame Good Eats
1 E. Trenton Ave.
Morrisville, PA 19067
(Contact Deborah Chapman for reservations)

April 18

INDOOR YARD SALE

Saturday-12, 8:00 A.M.-1:00 P.M.
Items can be dropped off the prior week

April 20

MARCIA-RUTH CIRCLE

1:00 P.M. – Church Lounge
Hostess and Devotion: Barbara Lombardo
Discussion: The Four Winds – Kristin Hannah

INDOOR YARD SALE

Spring has Sprung! On **Sat., April 18** the United Women in Faith of Morrisville will hold its well-known Great Indoor Yard Sale! To



prepare for this event, please **SAVE** your useful-but-no-longer-needed items such as housewares, toys, books, and **CLEAN** used clothing **AT HOME**. Due to our minimal storage space, we must limit our collection to the week prior to the sale. (Out of respect for God's creation and local hazardous waste requirements we will not accept encyclopedias, computers, or televisions.)

Drop off donations from **Sunday, April 12-Friday April 17** in the Fellowship Hall during regular church office hours (9:00am-2:00pm). Call Rhonda Rea at 215-493-9505 to arrange for an evening drop off during the week before the sale. As you collect your donations, please ask yourself, "Would I purchase this used item?"

Please mark your donations "Yard Sale" because we have many ministries going on at the church and we don't want to sell any items by mistake!

This is a mission event on several levels! We decrease the amount of "stuff" in our landfills, folks in need find reasonably priced items for their families, and United Women in Faith is able to donate the proceeds to mission projects both local and global!

If you would like to help at the Yard Sale, or if you have any questions about your donations, please call Rhonda Rea @ 215-493-9505 or email at jrpiz@aol.com

Current Prayer Concerns



Prayers for Elainejoy Bramante, Marion Rea, Ike Whitter and family, Dave and Marianne Miller and the Doyle families, Tom Miller's family, John Davidson, the Dulay family, Grace Terry, the Lebegern family, 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

Tina and Danny (family members of Dave & Marianne Miller)

Mr. Napoleon (community member)

Raj (neighbor of Rashni Swaroop)

Aiden (Vaa Thomson's nephew)

Erick Torres (Jennifer Koba's cousin)

Rakesh (Samson Shoukat's friend)

Luanne (Vera Straley's daughter)

Carol (Vera Straley's cousin)

Dave Hoyer (former member)

Tyler (friend of Todd Whitter)

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)

Myles (friend of Todd Whitter)

Arlene Eberly (Cheryl Scott's mother)

Leslie Eberly (Cheryl Scott's sister)

Jill Seagrass (friend of Vera Straley)



Happy Anniversary

Steven & Rebecca Kent..... April 17
 Dale & Fran Pugh..... April 22
 Jamis Cron Lombardo & Stephen Cron..... April 29
 Carin & Henry Trimble April 29
 Joseph & Sue Urbano April 30



Happy Birthday

Joshua Arruda.....April 1
 Carolian BustamanteApril 7
 Linda Brewer.....April 8
 Anna Trimble April 10
 Maggie Hughes..... April 14
 Terri Swenson April 20
 Tim Heasley April 22
 Jamie Lombardo April 22
 Zee Makiu April 23
 Kaitlin Decker..... April 28
 John Koba April 29
 Pastor Koikoi April 30