



***Prayer is a gift you can always give to others.
Please pray for our friends on the long term prayer list:***



The Maple *April, 2016*

2 Corinthians 5:17 *"So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!"*

This is a wonderful passage for spring! Color is springing up all around us and even the air smells different. The thought of Christ making us new and bringing new life and new opportunities comes with energy and excitement in the spring of the year. Especially this year! You might have noticed 30 year old curtains in some of our rooms being taken down and replaced with new blinds. An old wall in the youth room has come down to make room for a larger Youth Center. The Junior and Senior High Sunday School classes have moved to new rooms.

Why are we doing this? As the "Renew and Refresh" campaign has been reminding us for the past five years, there is always upkeep and modernization that needs to happen in a wonderful facility like ours that is over 50 years old. But this is more than that (as if that weren't enough!) God has been urging us to venture into new areas of ministry and mission in the Morrisville Schools and community. Our prayers have been focused on what God wants us to do, especially with children and youth. I would like to invite you to join together as a church family in prayer about this call. Take a walk through our building – not just the sanctuary, but on both floors of our Education Wing. Pray as you poke your head in the classrooms, asking God to lead us in our decisions. Walk around the church property and look across the field to the Jr/Sr High School, praying for opportunities to open up for us to be a witness to the children of our community. Ask God to help us do the hard work it takes to accept the opportunities he is giving to us.

God IS doing a new thing in us, through us and with us. It is up to us to join with God in what He is already doing.

Grace and peace,
Pastor Wendy



Classrooms Relocating: The remodeling has begun!

A wall removed has opened up the space for our youth ministry, and our Middle School class, taught by Janet Fabian and John Koba, is now located in Room 23. High School, taught by Chris Bonno and Sam Getty, can be found in room 25.

Children's Choir will sing at both services on April 10.



We have four Summer Camps in our Eastern PA United Methodist Conference; these camps offer full week or half week camps for kids. There are many different camps to choose from. To learn more about the camps, go to the websites at innabah.org, poconoplateau.org, csfarm.org, and gretnaglen.org.

We are so enthusiastic about the camp experience that MUMC is offering to pay half of your camp fee. The camper must be an active participant in MUMC children and youth programs to qualify for this wonderful gift. Request forms are now available at the education office or from Kim Jakimowicz.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

- **Children and Youth Retreat at Innabah. Friday June 3--Sunday June 5. See Kim or Jenn to reserve your spot.**
- **Last day of Sunday School and Church picnic, June 12, 2016**
- **Vacation Bible School Sunday July 17- Thursday July 21. Please contact Kim if you would like to be a part of the planning, or help in any way. More information contained in this newsletter.**



The Saturday Morning Men's Group provides a rare chance for we men to get together for Bible study and fellowship. We support each other and have a good time together. If you haven't attended, we encourage you to join us! We meet every 2nd Saturday of the month at 8 AM in the church lounge. Our next meeting is April 9th. If you have any questions contact Dave Miller at 215-943-2046.



United Methodist Women

United Methodist Women 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 don't 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 GENERAL MEETING

APRIL 16

UMW Event – INDOOR YARD SALE

8:00 a.m.-1:00 P.M. – Fellowship Hall

APRIL 18

MARCIA CIRCLE – 7:00 P.M.

Hostess: Jeanette Sonnhalter

Devotion/Study: Lois Avery

APRIL 18

RUTH CIRCLE – 7:00 P.M. – Church Lounge

Hostess: Chris Bonno

Devotion/Study: Margy Dickson

APRIL 20

ELIZABETH CIRCLE – 1:30 P.M. Church Lounge

Hostess: Blanche Sherrill

Devotion/Study: Blanche Sherrill

APRIL 23 (Saturday)

East District Day Ingathering at Emilie United Methodist Church

Time: 8:30 A.M.-Noon

“Answering Calls from Those In Need”

Collecting new clothing and non-perishable food items

East District UMW Ingathering

How You Can Help!

The Morrisville UMW asks the church family to help those in need in our own Eastern PA Conference by donating **new clothing** or **non-perishable foods** to our Ingathering Collection. Please bring any of these items to the “Ingathering” box in the Lobby no later than **Sunday, April 17th**. What is an Ingathering you might ask? For many years the Eastern PA Conference has made a special collection of items to support various ministries in our own conference. Each of its 6 districts collects these items each spring and they are distributed to a variety of missions. We also collect money to help the ministries. This year the receiving missions include Bridesburg UMC Food Pantry and Thrift Shop, Family Services of Bucks Co., Interfaith Food Alliance’s Family Backpack Center and food pantries of Emilie UMC and Bensalem UMC. Especially needed are NEW socks and underwear for people of all ages and sizes. MUMC thanks the congregation for its generous support.



Tuesday Morning Bible Study

In April we will begin a new study based on the Gospel of John, written by Adam Hamilton. This is a six-week, video based study. We meet in the church lounge at 10:00 each Tuesday morning, beginning April 12th. Please let Pastor Wendy know if you will be joining us so books can be ordered.



**Saturday, April 9
8:00 AM – Noon**

Lunch will be provided

Work needs to be done both inside the church and on the grounds. Whatever you are able to do physically, there is a job waiting for you. Please plan to help with this important cleanup day if you are able.

RENEW REFRESH CAMPAIGN 2016-2017

Dear friends and members,

We are blessed here at MUMC to have a magnificent building that enables us to worship on Sunday morning AND invite the community in, every day of the week. We feed the hungry and the homeless, offer education to community children, provide a safe haven for those struggling to overcome addictions, teach English to friends working towards citizenship, knit prayer shawls for the grieving, and much more.

This will be the fifth year in our “Renew-Refresh” campaign, and we are glad to share some of our accomplishments made possible through your generosity:

- Reduce our loan to replace the roof over the Educational Wing of our building from \$300,000 to \$181,000.
- Complete a handicap accessible bathroom in the hallway outside Fellowship Hall.
- Install an upgrade to the Audio and Visual equipment in the sanctuary.
- Multiple repairs and upgrades throughout the building.

This coming year our goal is to raise \$50,000. This will enable us to continue our loan payments and make further progress in making our facility accessible to everyone. We are investigating a “loop system” in the sanctuary, which will increase the quality of sound for those who wear hearing aid and we plan to upgrade the chair lift to the second floor of the Education Building. Work is also continuing to modernize our bathroom facilities.

Your continued support is key to improving our church’s infrastructure and modernizing it to make it more accessible. Your Renew-Refresh Commitment can be a one-time contribution or a pledge paid over the course of the next 12 months. The Renew Refresh Campaign this year will run from April 3rd to April 17th.

Please prayerfully consider what you can contribute to help Renew and Refresh your church building this year. May the love of Jesus Christ shine through us as we witness for Him among our friends and neighbors.

Grace and peace,
Jim Rea



Family Promise of Bucks County is finally opening the **Day Center**, and is ready have an **open house**. Our congregation is considering being a host church, which means the families being helped would be staying in our facility overnight for a week - from Sunday evening through Sunday morning. After breakfast each morning (which we would serve) the families would be picked up by Family Promise and taken to school, or to work, or to the Day Center, where they will be helped in finding a job.

Family Promise will be holding a dedication and opening ceremony on **Saturday, April 2**, for all who are interested in learning more about their mission. The location is: **578 Main Street, Tullytown**.

We will be having our own information session **on Tuesday, April 19th at 7pm**. A representative from Family Promise will be here to answer any questions we may have. You are invited to come. Please invite friends to come along. This is NOT ONLY for the members of our congregation.

INTERFAITH SEDER
Congregation Kol Emet
Friday, April 29, 2016 at 6:00 pm

Every Passover, Congregation Kol Emet traditionally celebrates The Festival of Freedom with a special Interfaith Seder in which we bring various faith communities together to celebrate, learn, sing and pray together, exploring themes of liberation and freedom. **Please call the office at (215) 493-8522 by Friday, April 8th to RSVP.** This year we are asking that a donation of \$10 per person be made at the time of the reservation(s).



Saturday, April 16th

It's almost time for the annual Indoor Yard Sale sponsored by the United Methodist Women. Together, we can raise funds to support mission projects locally and around the world. You can help make this event a success by searching your closets, toy boxes, attics, basements, and garages for those items that are no longer of use to you or your family. Your clean, gently used castaways might be just the treasure another family needs.

Clothing, jewelry, books, CDs, toys, kitchen and household items, linens, and small tools are among the many things shoppers are looking to purchase. Please decide what you can share, set them aside, and bring them to fellowship hall during the week of April 11th. **Please...no encyclopedias, old TV's, computers or other electronic items that would be considered hazardous waste to dispose of.**

If you have a few hours to spare, we invite you to stay and join us. We always have a good time arranging the tables. The pay isn't much but the fellowship is great when you're working for our Lord. Thank you for your support.



Thanks to everyone who came to Spaghetti Dinner! It was a load of fun! We have a great time! All money raised goes towards our Mission Trip for 2016! Thanks to you we know that we can do anything that the Lord puts ahead of us!

--Jennifer



Morrisville Joint VBS
Sunday July 17-Thursday Jul 21, 2016
5:30-8:30 pm at Morrisville United Methodist Church

Sign up for a VBS Volunteer role and join us in the excitement at Surf Shack and Catch the Wave of God's amazing Love.

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 Address _____
 Phone/s _____
 E-Mail _____

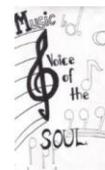
Please circle your areas of interest:

Pray for VBS / Coordinate Publicity / Decorate / Distribute Publicity /
 Solicit Donations / Help w/Preregistration / Provide Supplies /
 Gather donations / Create decorations / Prepare Craft Packets /
 Be a registrar / Take Photos / Guide Participants / Help with Dinner
 Service / Make food / Help with Storytelling / Actor / Help in Music /
 Help in Recreation / Help in Crafts / Help in Science /
 Mission Project Leader / Misc. Helper / Send Thank-you cards /
 Take down decorations / Return donated items

During the week of VBS (July 17-21) please indicate the days you can be present at VBS.

Every night _____ Sunday _____ Monday _____
 Tuesday _____ Wednesday _____ Thursday _____

****Please return this form to the church office****



Sunday, May 1, 2016 3-5 PM

Dixieland Jazz
Hymns & Spirituals Concert

(14th Annual Concert dedicated to the memory of Jack Lebegern, co-founder)



Featuring JERRY RIFE and his RHYTHM KINGS

Jerry Rife-clarinet/saxophone Danny Tobias-cornet
 Pete Reichlin-trombone Phil Orr-piano/vocals
 Pat Murcuri-guitar/banjo Sean Dixon-drums
 Garry Cattley-tuba/string bass

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TICKET INFORMATION

All tickets: Pre-Concert \$13 , At-the-door \$15
Available from Church Members or at Church Office
By mail: include self-addressed, stamped envelope

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