

Morris Memorial



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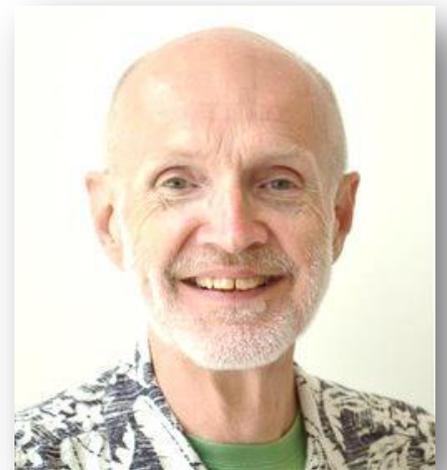
MARCH 2019

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Bishop Steiner Ball Announces Intention To Appoint Dr. Bob Kirby to Morris Memorial

On February 17, members of the Committee on Pastor-Parish Relations shared with the congregation the news that Bishop Steiner Ball intends to appoint Dr. Bob Kirby as the pastor of Morris Memorial, beginning July 1. Dr. Kirby and his wife Chris will be coming to us from Lakeside United Methodist Church in DuBois, Pennsylvania.

Dr. Kirby is a native of West Virginia. He grew up in Wyoming County. He is a graduate of Marshall University. He holds a Master of Divinity degree and a Doctor of Ministry degree, both from Wesley Theological Seminary. The Kirbys met with the Committee on Pastor-Parish Relations on Friday evening, February 15, then toured the parsonage on Saturday morning.



You are invited to send Dr. Kirby and Chris a note, a card, or an E-mail welcoming them to Morris Memorial. You may send E-mail to them at drbobkirby@gmail.com or send snail mail to them at 420 1st Street, Dubois, PA 15801. Pastor Mark announced on February 3 that Bishop Steiner Ball intends to appoint him as pastor of Duffey Memorial and Bass United Methodist Churches in Hardy County.



Please remember in prayer these members of our church family on their special day

Marg Heasley	March 1	Leah Basford	March 18
Emily Hall	March 1	Ron Brooks	March 18
Kendall Anderson	March 2	Joan Waggy	March 19
Jack Anderson	March 3	Michelle Gibson	March 20
David Leake	March 5	Zachary Fletcher	March 22
Diana Caudill	March 5	Karen White	March 24
Chris Ellis	March 6	Bonny Eskew	March 24
Hilda Hedrick	March 6	Dan Baker	March 26
Linda Kendall	March 6	Ann Davis	March 27
Jenna Jacobs	March 9	Karen Silkwood	March 27
David Byrd	March 13	Jane Slack	March 29
Ellie Eskew	March 14	Shirley Jones	March 31
Tim Basford	March 15	Kylie Anderson	March 31
Donovan Reed	March 15		
Kitty Gould	March 17		



Amanda & Greg Eads	March 7
Karen & Dean Silkwood	March 27

Morris Enrichment Center 2019 Proposed Budget

INCOME

511 Class Tuition	511a	Day Care	\$370,000	
	511c	Summer Camp	25,000	
	511d	WVDHHR	\$185,000	
	511e	Afterschool	\$71,000	Total: \$651,000
516 Food Reimbursement	515a	Donations	\$500	
	516a	State Food Program	\$80,000	
	516b	KCS Food Program	\$17,000	Total: \$97,500
517 Misc.	517a	Rummage Sale	\$2,000	
	517b	Other	\$1,000	
	517c	Cap & Gown Fees	\$600	
	518	KCS Board of Ed. Pre-K	\$120,000	Total: \$123,600
Total Income				\$872,100

EXPENSES

	600a	Advertising	\$75	
604 Insurance	604a	Children	\$380	
	604b	Vans	\$2,000	
	605a	Licenses & Permits	\$1,300	Total: \$3755
606 Misc.	606a	Med 125 Bookkeep.	\$1,500	
	606b	Med 125 Director	\$2,000	
	607a	Credit Card Fees	\$9,000	
	609a	Program Expense	\$6,200	
	610a	Fund Raiser Expense	\$300	
	611a	Cap & Gown Expense	\$600	
	613a	MMUMC Contribution	\$4,500	
	616a	Classroom Expense	\$3,000	
	624a	Summer Camp	\$200	
	626a	Van Maintenance	\$2,500	
	627a	Building Maint. & Repair	\$1,000	Total: \$30,800
Continuing Ed.	617a	Fees for WV Cares	\$500	
	617b	Continuing Ed Fees	\$500	Total: \$1,000
619 Food	619a	U. S. Foods	\$120,000	
	619b	United Dairy	\$5,000	
	619c	Sam's Club	\$15,000	Total: \$140,000
Payroll Expenses	621a	Wages & Salaries	\$535,000	
	621b	Fed Taxes FICA	\$130,000	
	621c	WV State Taxes	\$22,000	
	621d	City Fees, Taxes	\$4,700	
	621e	Workers Compensation	\$4,500	Total: \$696,200
TOTAL EXPENSES				\$871,755
Gross Profit				\$345.00

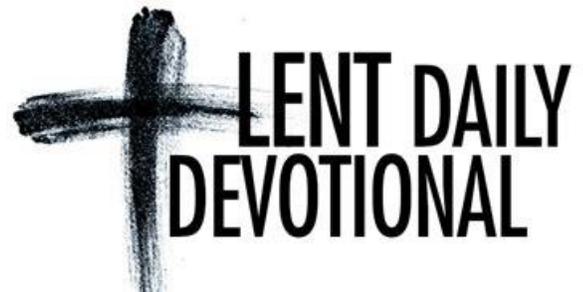
Our church budget was passed in February and will be printed in next month’s newsletter. If you would like a copy before the April newsletter is distributed, please contact the church office or the Finance Team Chairpersons (Lynn Thompson and Dean Patrick).

*Liturgist
Schedule*

	8:30	11:00
March 3	Reuben Gillispie	Jim Kautz
March 10	Nancy Duncan	Karen Winter
March 17	Beth Hall	Matt Skiles
March 24	Jon Browning	TBA
March 31	Rebecca Gillispie	TBA

Over the past month, volunteers have been writing devotions for our 2019 Lenten devotional book. It should be in the pews the first Sunday in March if not sooner. Ash Wednesday is March 6, and there is a devotion for each day from Ash Wednesday through Easter Sunday.

This year we invited former pastors of Morris Memorial to contribute to our book. So, in addition to devotions from our current pastors Mark Flynn and Steve White, you will also find devotions from Chuck Pullins, Barry Moll, and Rick DeQuasie.



Pastor Mark selected the scriptures and came up with a theme for this year: *“With Christ in the Garden of Prayer.”* Weekly topics include anguish in the garden of prayer, asleep in the garden of prayer, obedient in the garden of prayer, betrayal in the garden of prayer, deserted in the garden of prayer, and surprised in the garden. It will be interesting to see how different writers approach these topics. You are encouraged to include our devotional book in your Bible study and prayer time in this Lenten season.

If you are out of town or unable to attend church, please contact the church office and we will get a book to you. Also you are welcome to take extra books for friends or family members whom you feel would like to read them.

COMMON GROUNDS NEWS AND NEEDS

The Common Grounds Annual Report has been completed for 2018. We thought it might be helpful for you to know some statistics that will help you see the impact our mission outreach is making on our local community. They are the following:

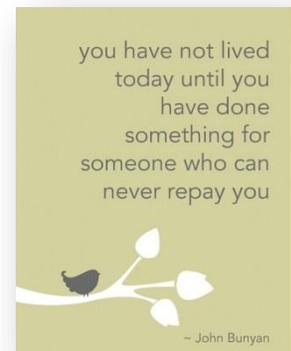
Families Common Grounds helped	- 984
Actual Number of People helped	- 2522
Number of Actual Visits by Families	- 2000
(that’s not a guestimate, that’s the actual number)	
Number of New Families	- 172
Average Monthly Income	- \$729.83

In addition, the number of volunteers from our church who served in different capacities were 20 plus 2 visitors to our church who answered the “call” to help distribute Thanksgiving boxes with us. This number does not include our faithful Knit Wits who have made us dish cloths and baby blankets to distribute so they should be included as well. If you think you might be interested in volunteering at Common Grounds, why don’t you contact Susan and come to the mission outreach to see what we do, how we work, and whether you’d like to be a part of our neighborhood outreach? We’d welcome you! (Note: We are only open from 10:00 AM– 2:00 PM on Tuesdays and Thursdays if that is a consideration.)

In the past couple months one of our volunteers had the privilege of “taking a field trip” by volunteering once again at St. John’s Ecumenical Ministries, Inc. in St. Augustine, Florida. It is a food pantry supported by twelve local churches with the goal of providing food for qualified, needy residents of St. John’s County. Although they are a much larger food pantry than we are at Common Grounds, it was encouraging to see just how much alike we are in our outreach mission and actual operations. Evidences of this include that we both are entirely run by volunteers, we assure that the families are eligible, we seek to provide individualized care (because we really do care), and we serve to the glory of God! By being a part of the operations, our volunteer has learned much about our similarities and differences and she will look forward to sharing that information with our Common Grounds Board in hopes of making our operations and our outreach to our neighbors even better. What a wonderful opportunity and blessing it has been!

If you would like to donate food this month, please consider CANNED FRUIT (preferably in their own juices), CANNED SPAGHETTI SAUCE, and/or BOXED SPAGHETTI. You may place them in the woven trunk in the open recessed area in the Narthex. If you would like to make a donation by check, please make the check out to Morris Memorial Methodist Church and in the bottom left-hand corner write Common Grounds. Thank you so much for sharing your resources (whatever way or ways you choose) with those who are so in need right here in our area. May God bless you richly!

If you are interested in learning more about Common Grounds, have comments to share, or would like to volunteer here, please contact Susan Vieweg, our Morris’ Mission Team’s Common Grounds Coordinator, at (304) 344-2617 or (304) 549-6155.



A WORD FROM PASTOR STEVE

“Wilderness Traveling”

Have you ever traveled much by bicycle? I have, a little. Not any major, mega-mile trips like some take. But as a teenager I spent a lot of time on my bike and occasionally would be out nearly all day. And my bike was just one of those old standard one gear deals. Nothing like these modern 21 speed, ultra-lite, aerodynamically fast, and ergonomically perfect models which are built for ultimate comfort and speed! So suffice it to say that I, like many of you, worked and sweated my tail off to travel the dusty, rocky, curvy, steep, and sometimes dangerous roads of my childhood...

Recently I saw one of those old fashioned bicycles and my mind drifted back to some of my experiences on that “machine”, especially the grueling ones! Let me tell ya, I had at least a few moments when, on a hot summer afternoon, several miles from home, I was so hot, so thirsty, so tired, and so weary of warding off mean dogs, that I didn’t think that I could keep going, but somehow I did. It’s amazing that we survive some of the things that we do when we are young, isn’t it?!

Well, recently I was reading in the Bible about Jacob’s challenging journey across the wilderness on foot with his family, livestock, and all his earthly possessions, back to his homeland. (I’m sure some of them would love to have had even an old standard bicycle!!) This story is found in Genesis 31-33. After his nervous and trembling reunion with his estranged brother Esau, Jacob was greatly relieved. But after that tearful reunion was completed, Esau very quickly announced (Gen. 33:12), “Well, brother, let’s hit the road and get back home!” However, Jacob softly objected. And I was deeply touched by what he said.

In essence, Jacob responded (Gen. 33:13-14), “Dear brother, my children are small and tender, and a number of my ewes and cows are nursing their young. At this point, if they are driven too hard, even for a day, they could die. So please, you and your men go on ahead and return home. My family, flocks, and herds will move along slowly at a pace that will allow all of us to arrive there safely.” And Esau, somewhat reluctantly, agreed.

What a beautiful picture of Jacob’s sensitivity to the needs of not only his children, but also his animals!! He would not allow them to be overdriven for even one day. He would not let some strong man, even if it was his brother, to tell him how to treat all those in his care, many of which were quite weak. Jacob knew exactly how far they could go in a day, and he made that point his only consideration in arranging their pace and schedule. Fortunately, Jacob had traveled this same wilderness journey when he originally left his homeland many years before. So he knew by personal experience all about its roughness, heat, length, and dangers. And so he said, “I will lead them slowly, softly, and gently.” What a marvelous attitude and act of love...

My friends, this is a precious illustration of Jesus’ attitude toward us. The “road” ahead, on many different levels, is largely a “wilderness”, untraveled and unknown to us. But Jesus knows it all by personal experience. The sharp curves and sudden cliffs that scare us, the steep sections that exhaust us, the rocky areas that make our bodies ache, the raging rivers that seem impassable --- Jesus has gone through all of it before us. He is ultra-sensitive to our feelings, our needs, and our limitations. The Bible teaches that He was made a perfect Leader by the things He suffered (Heb. 5:8). He knows and understands our makeup and “remembers that we are dust”

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(Psalm 103:14). Please think of this when you are tempted to give up on His leading. The truth is, He is remembering you all the time. He is sensitive to you all the time. Not one step will He make you take beyond what you are able, with His help, to endure. He will, indeed, continue to lead you at an appropriate pace toward the goal which both you and He will celebrate!

So when that next, seemingly impossible, “step” lies before you, and you are tempted to give up, please realize this: either Jesus will give you the strength, (and wisdom!), you need to continue the journey, or He will bring you to a halt, help you regroup, and launch you in a new direction. In view of all this, let me remind you of three important truths:

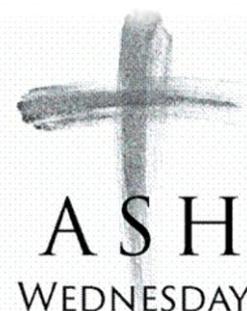
Jesus is mindful of your struggle.
 He is faithful to meet your needs.
 And He is worthy of your deepest trust and obedience....

HAPPY TRAVELING!!

Ash Wednesday Service March 6 at 7:00

Lent is a time to “stop, look, and listen.” As we prepare for the celebration of Christ’s resurrection, we lay aside earthly pursuits and worldly pleasures. We pause to look within and examine our hearts. We also make a particular point of listening for God’s guidance in the Holy Scriptures.

Lent begins with Ash Wednesday. On that evening (which is March 6 this year), we will gather at 7:00 p.m. to worship. We will take time to look within and to listen to God. Each of us will have the opportunity to receive the sign of the cross in ashes with the words, “Remember that you are dust and to dust you shall return.” Most folks receive the ashes on their foreheads, but some prefer to receive the ashes on the back of a hand. It is entirely up to you whether to receive the ashes on your forehead, or on your hand. You are also free to choose not to receive the ashes at all.



Boy Scout Sunday to Be Observed March 10



We were delighted to have members of our Cub Scout pack join us for worship at the 11:00 service on February 17. Our Boy Scout troop had a scheduling conflict, however, so they will be with us on March 10 at the 11:00 service. Please make a point of being in church that day to help us to welcome the Boy Scouts.

Church Officers for 2019

ADMINISTRATIVE BOARD

Chairperson	Matt Skiles
Recording Secretary	Michelle Stigall
Membership Secretary	Lenese Hickman
Chairperson of Council on Ministries	Jim Caudill
Treasurer	Terry Terpening
Financial Secretary	Lynn Thompson
Lay Leader	Ed Eskew
Lay Member of Annual Conference	Robert Stigall
Chairperson of Pastor-Parish Relations	Jim Kautz
Co-Chairs of Committee on Finance	Lynn Thompson, Dean Patrick
Chairperson of Trustees (elected by trustees)	

Members at Large

Class of 2019	Matt Skiles, Mark Hatfield, and Susan Vieweg
Class of 2020	Peggy Barker, Jim Kautz, Scott Bellamy
Class of 2021	Carl Fletcher, Karen White, Darby Simmons-Stone

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Class of 2019	Chuck Yanov, Elizabeth Harrah, Mark Miller
Class of 2020	Amanda Eads, David Byrd, Ken Batty
Class of 2021	Neal Stone, Jim Shaffer, Pam Higgs

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION TEAM

Chairperson	Karen White	
Child Protection Coordinator	Rebecca Gillespie	
Others	Cynthia Fletcher	
	Beth Hall	Tim Basford
	Teresa Bellamy	Mark Miller
	Jim Kautz	Linda Yanov
	Ashley Skiles	

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

Co-Chairs of Committee on Finance	Lynn Thompson, Dean Patrick
Chairperson of Administrative Board	Matt Skiles
Chairperson of Trustees	Chuck Yanov
U.M. Foundation Representative	Lynn Thompson
Financial Secretary	Lynn Thompson
Lay Leader	Ed Eskew
Lay Member of Annual Conference	Robert Stigall
Treasurer	Terry Terpening
Members at Large	
Class of 2019	Jim Waggy, Jim Caudill, Judy Neal
Class of 2020	Matt Skiles, Michelle Stigall
Class of 2021	Mark Hatfield, Peggy Barker

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COMMITTEE ON NOMINATIONS AND LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT

Chairperson: Pastor
 Lay Leader: Ed Eskew
 Members at Large:
 Class of 2019 Jerry Townson, Cynthia Fletcher, Pat Duffie
 Class of 2020 Tim Basford, Carolyn Ballard, Ann Kautz
 Class of 2021 Dean Silkwood, Kay Brooks, Karen Smith

COMMITTEE ON PASTOR-PARISH RELATIONS

Lay Leader Ed Eskew
 Lay Member of Annual Conf. Robert Stigall
 Class of 2019 Chris Terpening, Judy Neal, Mary Collins
 Class of 2020 Nancy Duncan, Carl Fletcher, Jim Kautz
 Class of 2021 Carolyn Ballard, Bob Wade, Gloriann Caudill

COUNCIL ON MINISTRIES

Chairperson	Jim Caudill
Recording Secretary	Karen White
Membership Secretary	Lenese Hickman
Lay Leader	Ed Eskew
Lay Member of Annual Conference	Robert Stigall
President of United Methodist Men	
President of United Methodist Youth	
Chair of Worship Team	
Chair of Spiritual Formation	Dave Cole
Chair of Christian Education Team	Karen White
Chair of Missions Team	Denise Heflin-Peyton
Athletic Director	Karen Pauley
Scouting Coordinator	Jerome Hairston
Music Director (staff)	Larry White
Chair of Morris Enrichment Center Board	Judy Neal
Native American Awareness Coordinator	Tim Basford

Members at Large
 Class of 2019 Susan Vieweg, Jane Slack, Lenese Hickman
 Class of 2020 Peggy Barker, David Byrd, Sharon Byrd
 Class of 2021 Pat Duffie, Mike Duffie, Sarah Frail

MORRIS ENRICHMENT CENTER BOARD

Class of 2019	Sandra Harper	Linda Yanov	Lynn Thompson	Mickie Bowles
Class of 2020	Butch Hymes	Judy Neal	Sarah Frail	
Class of 2021	Darby Simmons-Stone		Chuck Yanov	Carl Fletcher

Christian Education Chairperson: Karen White
 Parent Representatives: Carissa McBurney, Leslie Rader
 Employee Representative: Donna Stover

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SPIRITUAL FORMATION TEAM

Chairperson Dave Cole
 Others Jim Caudill, Kitty Epperly, David Byrd

WORSHIP TEAM

Organist Judy Darr
 Pastor
 Music Director Larry White
 Pianist Bruce Reed
 Others Deborah Burdett, Carolyn Ballard, Bill Collins, Mary Collins,
 Judy Flynn, Beth Hall, Karen White

OTHER OFFICES

Alternate Lay Member of Annual Conference	Sharon Byrd
Lay Members of District Conference	Jim Kautz, Ann Kautz
Alternate Lay Members of District Conference	Tim Basford and Sharon Byrd

Another Way to Support Morris Memorial

Dear church family,

As was referenced in last month's newsletter, we are following up to bring you some exciting news for the life of our church. We are giving you the opportunity to provide support for your church in a way you may not have thought of before. This program has nothing to do with any permanent endowment fund, but it allows you to leave a lasting legacy of support for our beloved Morris Memorial now and in the future. This opportunity allows the church ministries to keep going on to bless future generations of believers in Jesus' name. The church can use the funds wherever they are most needed at the time.

There will be a FREE lunch provided after the 11am service on March 17 for anyone who wishes to hear more about this opportunity. A representative from The Western & Southern Financial Group will be informing us of this plan to add to our financial strength. Please note this is NOT a fundraising dinner. There is absolutely NO obligation on the part of anyone who attends to contribute anything. This is just a way to communicate a concept that will have a HUGE impact on our church's future and for those attending now and those who will attend in the future. Please make your plans to attend with your fellow Morris folks and share for eternity what God will do in the present.

Jon Browning
Western & Southern Financial Representative



Confirmation Class to Be Offered This Spring

Pastor Mark will be holding a confirmation class this spring. Sessions will be held on the following Sunday evenings: March 3, 10, 17, 24, and 31; April 7, 28; and May 5, 12, and 19. We will begin each time at 6:00 p.m. and conclude at about 7:30. So far, five middle school students have enrolled in the class. These students are Ellie Eskew, Clark Gillespie, Will Gillespie, Samuel Morris, and Madison Sedosky. Other youth in middle school and high school who would like to explore the fundamentals of the Christian faith are invited to contact Pastor Mark if they would like to participate as well.

Bishop to Discuss Actions of General Conference with Laity

Bishop Sandra Steiner Ball will meet with laity from the Midland South district on March 28 at 6:30 p.m. at St. Mark's U.M. Church to discuss the actions of the special General Conference session of 2019.

Lenten Services Focus on Jesus in the Garden

During the season of Lent, our over-all theme for worship will be "With Jesus in the Garden of Prayer." Topics and scripture readings will be as follows:



March 10	Anguish in the Garden of Prayer	Luke 22:39-44; Psalm 6:2-7
March 17	Asleep in the Garden of Prayer	Mark 14:32-41; 1 Thessalonians 5:1-9
March 24	Obedient in the Garden of Prayer	Matthew 26:37-42; Philippians 2:5-8
March 31	Betrayal in the Garden of Prayer	Matthew 26:44-49; Hosea 1:2-5
April 7	A Sword in the Garden of Prayer	John 18:10, 11; Isaiah 2:1-5
April 14 (8:30)	Deserted in the Garden of Prayer	Mark 11:1-10 and 14:48-50
April 14 (11:00)	Deserted in the Garden of Prayer	Mark 14:48-52 and 15:21-46



	<u>Feb. 3</u>	<u>Feb. 10</u>	<u>Feb. 17</u>
Sunday School	42	51	48
8:30 a.m. Worship	39	46	42
11:00 a.m. Worship	74	73	98

Transfiguration Sunday

March 3 will be Transfiguration Sunday. This is the day when we remember how the face of Jesus shone with the glory of God when Moses and Elijah appeared with Him on the mountain. We will be hearing St. Mark’s account of this event from chapter 9, verses 2-9.

Our focus will be on the story of Elijah from 2 Kings 2:1-15, however. Pastor Mark’s sermon title will be “A Double Portion.” We will experience Christ’s presence in the preaching, the singing, and the sacrament of the Lord’s Supper.

2019 WOMEN’S SPIRITUAL GROWTH EVENT

This two-day event held March 22-23 will be at Cedar Lakes Conference Center in Ripley! This event is for ANY WOMAN within the WV Conference or from a United Methodist Church. There will also be spiritually uplifting music by MORRIS MEMORIAL PRAISE BAND!

Registration ends on March 8th.

Interested? PLEASE contact Sharon Byrd for at (home) 744-6129, (cell) 549-6129 or email dsabyrd@suddenlink.net or you can contact the church office.



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MONTH

<u>DATE</u>	<u>START</u>	<u>POSITIONS</u>
March 3	8:30 am	Ushers ----- Mary & Bill Collins
	11:00 am	Ushers -----Matt & Ashley Skiles and Ann Davis
March 10	8:30 am	Ushers ----- Sue Withrow and Elizabeth Harrah
	11:00 am	Ushers ----- Cathie Brown, Tim Basford and Ann Davis
March 17	8:30 am	Ushers ----- Rebecca & Reuben Gillispie
	11:00 am	Ushers -----Ann Davis
March 24	8:30 am	Ushers -----Teddi Smith and Karen Smith
	11:00 am	Ushers -----Ann Davis
March 31	8:30 am	Ushers ----- Nancy Duncan and Beth Hall
	11:00 am	Ushers ----- Cathie Brown, Tim Basford and Ann Davis

Thank You for Your Prayers

Many of our Morris Memorial members signed up to pray for the special general conference during the week leading up to the session. We had folks praying constantly from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. each evening that week. We are thankful to all of these folks and to everyone else who prayed without committing to a particular time. Thank you and God bless you.

