

Morris Memorial



MORRIS MEMORIAL UM CHURCH

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CHARLESTON, WEST VIRGINIA

COMMON GROUNDS NEWS AND NEEDS

As we near the end of 2019 we want to be sure to thank our church family and friends who have generously given financially to us throughout this year. Included in this are checks you've written to our church with "Common Grounds" on the memo line. Because of the need to protect your privacy we at Common Grounds do not know who you are specifically. Be assured that our gratitude is none-the-less great and overflowing! You are a true blessing to us! In fact, it's people like you who help us keep our mission doors open to serve our local underprivileged families. Since we cannot thank you personally, please accept our genuine thank you for caring, sharing, contributing, and in actuality for being so generous. You have touched many, many lives for the better!

As we begin the month of November, we at Common Grounds are planning and making preparations to collect and purchase food to fill our Thanksgiving boxes (which we'll distribute on Tuesday Nov. 26, two days before Thanksgiving.) We are also preparing for our annual Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service. This year it will be held at Village Chapel Presbyterian Church on Sunday, Nov. 17 at 7:00 PM. with a reception to follow the service. Please refer to another notice in this Morris Memo for additional information.

If you are supporting Common Grounds with food, with money, by volunteering, and/or by praying for this mission outreach of our church, YOU are MAKING A DIFFERENCE in our own neighborhood guaranteed! God bless you! If you would like to help us this month, please consider bringing CANNED SOUP, CANNED FRUIT (IN ITS OWN JUICE) AND/OR BOXED SPAGHETTI. Your donation(s) may be placed in the woven trunk in the Closet in the Narthex. If you would like to give a donation by check, please make the check out to Morris Memorial Methodist Church and in the bottom left-hand corner write Common Grounds. As always, we appreciate any and all donations. Thanks again for sharing so faithfully in whatever way(s) you can or choose. May God bless you BIG TIME!!



*Sincerely giving thanks
not only helps us
recognize our blessings,
but it also unlocks the
doors of heaven and helps
us feel God's love.
-Thomas S. Monson*

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 Memorial Common Grounds Coordinator, at (304) 344-2617 or (304) 549-6155.

November

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

Linda Yanov	November 2	Carissa McBurney	November 21
David Williams	November 7	Lauren Petit	November 21
Linda Reed	November 8	Allie McPhail	November 21
Stephen Boyd	November 8	Susan Vieweg	November 22
Sara Riffe	November 9	Elizabeth Kinder	November 23
Butch Hymes	November 10	Lindsay Johnson	November 25
Gael Morris	November 12	Mary Pritt	November 25
Jackie Booth	November 16	Nancy Duncan	November 25
Denise Heflin	November 16	Patricia Duffie	November 28
Jerome Hairston	November 18	Carter Borchers	November 29



Elouise & Bob Leadbetter	November 6
Michelle & Robert Stigall	November 19
Kathy & Larry White	November 25

*Lector
Schedule*

	8:30	11:00
Nov. 3	Bill Vieweg	TBA
Nov. 10	Beth Hall	TBA
Nov. 17	Chris Kirby	TBA
Nov. 24	Carolyn Ballard	TBA



UPCOMING EVENTS

Mondays:	9:30 a.m.	Exercise for Seniors
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Wednesdays:	6:30 a.m.	Men's Prayer
	9:30 a.m.	Exercise for Seniors
	10:00 a.m.	MEC Chapel
	10:30 a.m.	Bible Study
	6:00 p.m.	Praise Band
	6:00 p.m.	Bible Study
	7:15 p.m.	Chancel Choir
Fridays:	9:30 a.m.	Exercise for Seniors
Sundays:	3:00 p.m.	Kids Praise Choir
	4:00 p.m.	Youth

November 1 – Friday Fellowship at Harding's at 6:00 p.m.

November 4 – Operation Christmas Child packing party

November 7 – UM Men at 6:00 p.m.

November 12 – Council on Ministries at 6:30 p.m.

November 13 – Micah Choir practice at 6:00 p.m. (no Praise Band)

November 14 – Knit Wits at 2:00 p.m.

November 14 – Community Dinner at 6:00 p.m.

November 17 – Charge Conference at 4:00 p.m.

November 17 – Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service at
Village Chapel Presbyterian Church at 7:00 p.m.

November 20 – No Bible Studies

November 26 – PPRC at 6:00 p.m.

November 27 – No Bible Studies

November 28-29 ~ Church office closed for Thanksgiving

Morris Enrichment Center

Looking at the beautiful colors outside I am reminded of what a little four-year old asked me in chapel one day. He was so innocent as he asked about fall and why the trees changed colors, so I explained that God did this for us. He looked puzzled and said to me God must have a giant box of crayons and I wonder if His crayons break like mine. I started to laugh but realized he was serious, so I explained that God caused this to happen so we could enjoy the beautiful colors. I explained that God's crayons never break, and I then replaced his own broken box of crayons with a brand new box. After speaking with the child I wondered if there was a moral to this conversation. I think God takes our broken lives and puts them back together so that we are colorful and happy - being a new box to enjoy what He is doing.



This is starting a busy time of the year for the day care center. Trunk or Treat is just a few days away and then the time will go so fast as the other holidays overtake us. We were so blessed the past week to receive pumpkins from Gritt's Farm and Lowe's. The children decorated their pumpkins to take home to show their parents. You should have seen them as they left here, pink and blue pumpkins some with glitter and bows. They were really creative. This month we also colored place mats for Barney Frazier to take on his Kairos ministry trip.

Sometimes in our busy moments we forget why we are actually here - until a child reminds us. One student's family went to a Mexican restaurant to eat and she stood up and stated "praying hands everyone! We must pray over our food." Out of the mouth of a three-year old! A reminder like this sure confirms that we are on right track with these little ones. Please stop by for a visit during this hectic holiday season and get a cup of coffee or a cookie or two. Take a moment to see what God is doing in these little lives that are so important to Him.

Thank you for your prayers and support as we do our best for Morris Memorial United Methodist Church to spread the word of God.

Georgeanne Leake

GENUINE THANKS TO OUR AMAZING ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOLS!!

Morris Memorial has three adult Sunday School Classes which are Adult Bible Class, Julia Kendall Class, and the Morris Class. In September they were challenged to see which class could bring the most cans to donate to Common Grounds. They rose to the challenge and by the end of September, they had collected 825 cans!! What a great collection!! On Oct. 6 the classes enjoyed a celebratory brunch prior to Sunday School class. Marie Cole, Beth Hall, Karen Smith, Jon Browning, Mary Collins, and Carolyn Ballard did a great job preparing and running the celebration. Genuine thanks to each and every one of you who had any part in this very successful project! You have helped feed many of our local underprivileged families. You're all winners!! Thanks again and again!

Operation Christmas Child

We are still collecting shoe box items for our packing party on November 4th! If you haven't already purchased items, we are in need of gifts for 5-9 year boys and girls, such as: pencil sharpeners, rulers, scissors, pencils, solar powered calculators, flashlights, bar soap, toothbrushes, hair bows, hair ties, band-aids, brushes, jump ropes, yo-yos, small stuffed animals, dolls, puzzles, and playdough! We are preparing shoe boxes for 50 boys and 50 girls. Please bring all items to the church by November 3. If you packed your own box, please bring it to the church by noon on Wednesday, November 6th. You can also make a monetary gift that will provide additional gift items and cover shipping costs. Your donations are greatly appreciated!



Children's Moments Schedule

	11:00
Nov. 3	Judy Neal
Nov. 10	Karen Winter
Nov. 17	TBA
Nov. 24	TBA

A Special Invitation to You

Morris Memorial Methodist Church, St. Agnes Catholic Church, and Village Chapel Presbyterian Church are sponsoring their 7th Annual Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service On Sunday, November 17 at 7:00 P.M. at Village Chapel Presbyterian Church 3818 Venable Ave., SE here in Kanawha City

Reception will follow immediately in the Fellowship Hall.

Please mark your calendar and plan to attend. Feel free to bring family, friends, and/or neighbors with you. All are welcome! We believe you'll find it time well-spent as it's a very special time of praise, thanksgiving, and fellowship!

If you are interested in serving as an Usher or Lector during the 11:00 service, please contact the church office or Carolyn Ballard (Worship Chairperson). You can also place a note in the Worship & Nurture mailbox with your name, address and phone number. Thank you in advance for your help!



USHERS

THIS MONTH

<u>DATE</u>	<u>START</u>	<u>POSITIONS</u>
Nov. 3	8:30 am	Ushers ----- Teddi Smith and Karen Smith
	11:00 am	Ushers ----- Ann Davis
Nov. 10	8:30 am	Ushers ----- Robert & Michelle Stigall
	11:00 am	Ushers ----- Ann Davis
Nov. 17	8:30 am	Ushers ----- Jon & Christy Browning
	11:00 am	Ushers ----- Ann Davis
Nov. 24	8:30 am	Ushers ----- Doris & Gael Morris
	11:00 am	Ushers ----- Ann Davis

MORRIS' ANNUAL THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE

During the Thanksgiving Season we are taking time to thank God for the many blessings we have received. Once again we will participate, as a church, in a Thanksgiving Food Drive, sponsored by our Worship Team. This is a concrete way to pay forward our many blessings. Our goal is to collect food to assist Common Grounds in filling their many Thanksgiving boxes.

We will be asking for different food items each Sunday. After you have purchased food, please bring it to the church each week and place it in the orange tubs placed in the sanctuary and Narthex. The Sundays and items we are requesting are the following:

- November 3 - Boxed Stuffing Mix and Family-sized Cereal
- November 10 - Canned Cranberry Sauce and Baked Beans
- November 17 - Canned Green Beans and Canned Corn



We appreciate your helping us as you want and as you can. Whatever you bring will be a blessing! Thank you for helping Morris Memorial reach out beyond the walls of our church to help those who live with us in our community.