

Morris Memorial



MORRIS MEMORIAL UM CHURCH

JULY 2019

CHARLESTON, WEST VIRGINIA

Please welcome our new pastor, Bob Kirby and his wife Chris to Morris Memorial and to Charleston.

Pastor Bob comes to us from Lakeside United Methodist Church in Dubois, Pennsylvania. Although he has traveled far, Pastor Bob is a native son who grew up in Mullens and graduated from Marshall University.



We look forward to sharing in ministry with him and Chris and continuing our work on behalf of God's kingdom under his pastoral leadership. Please introduce yourself and make them welcome.

*Loving Lord and heavenly King give our pastor a fresh anointing of your Holy Spirit.
fill him father, with patience and peace. Pour into his heart the joy of the
Lord and may the oil of God's gladness be his portion.*

*Keep him faithful and give him patience as he teaches our congregation week by week.
Set his heart light with Your love and keep him rejoicing in the Lord and in the power
of His strength -and give him a clear vision for the future, I pray.*

*May he run with patience the race that is set before him, looking to
You, and one day hear, well done good and faithful servant.*

Thank You Lord Jesus,

Amen

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

Karen Winter	July 2	Georgeanne Leake	July 20
Sharon Martin	July 2	Ethan Boyd	July 21
Laura Basford	July 3	Kathy Cartmill	July 22
Erin Borchers	July 3	Michelle Haddox	July 23
Jackie Frazier	July 8	Jo Ann Judy	July 24
Tyler Eads	July 12	Judy Reed	July 26
Deva Devasirvatham	July 15	Dr. Bob Kirby	July 27
Thelma Ann Wandling	July 15	Bill Vieweg	July 29
Clyde Hedrick	July 19	Donna Legg	July 30



Mel & Jamal Dillard	July 3
Christa & Brad Hall	July 6
Wanda & Butch Hymes	July 8
Donna & John Jacobs	July 16
Susan & Bill Vieweg	July 27
Mary & Bill Collins	July 31

*Liturgist
Schedule*

	8:30	11:00
July 7	Steve White	Steve White
July 14	Bob Wade	Matt Skiles
July 21	Michelle Stigall	Deborah Burdett
July 28	Jeannie Morris	Sharon Byrd



UPCOMING EVENTS

Mondays:	9:30 a.m.	Exercise for Seniors
	9:30 a.m.	Nurture in Action
Wednesdays:	6:30 a.m.	Men's Prayer
	9:30 a.m.	Exercise for Seniors
	10:00 a.m.	MEC Chapel
Fridays:	9:30 a.m.	Exercise for Seniors

July 1st – UM Men at 6:00 p.m.

July 2nd – Dr. Bob Kirby's first official day at Morris!

July 2nd – Council on Ministries at 6:30 p.m.

July 3rd – No Bible Study

July 4th – Church office closed

July 5th – Fellowship at Pizza Hut at 6:00 p.m.

July 7th – Welcome luncheon for Bob & Chris Kirby at 12:00 p.m.

July 11 – Knit Wits at 2:00 p.m.

July 11 – Community Dinner at 6:00 p.m.

July 14-18: Vacation Bible School 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

July 22 – MEC Board at 6:30 p.m.

July 25 – Knit Wits at 2:00 p.m.

July 25 – Community Dinner at 6:00 p.m.

COMMON GROUNDS NEWS AND NEEDS

School is out for the summer! The weather is nice and for many it's time for vacation fun, whether it be a stay-vacation or a vacation away from home. As you know, Common Grounds does not take a vacation. In fact, with children at home all day, the food needs for our families with children increase, placing a greater strain on them as they try to stretch the food dollars even more than usual. It can be a real challenge as you can imagine.

A few weeks ago we had a couple come in asking for our help. They had been renting a home and it caught fire and they lost almost all their belongings. They shared that regretfully they had not had renters' insurance. For the time being they have been living in a new tent (with what little possessions they had remaining) until they could afford to rent again. One day they returned to their tent and it (along with their remaining possessions) was gone. Although we were not able to provide them with a tent, we were able to provide them with food, some clothing and refer them to other local resources that may be able to them.



If you would like to donate food this month, please consider Canned Vienna Sausages, Canned Fruit (in their own juices), and/or Boxed Cereal (preferably unsweetened). As you know, we are grateful for any food or money you donate. Please place the food in the woven trunk in the Narthex. If you would like to write a check, please make the check out to Morris Memorial Church and in the bottom left-hand corner write Common Grounds. As always, we truly appreciate your prayers. Thank for your willingness to share in whatever way(s) you choose. God bless you!

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

First Friday Food and Fellowship Planned for July 5th

We will have a First Friday Food and Fellowship gathering at Pizza Hut behind Cracker Barrel on July 5 at 6 p.m. Come enjoy a meal with old friends and new friends.

Update On The Morris Community Dinners

Now that Mark Miller and I have been coordinating the Morris Community Dinners for a few months, we would like to update the congregation about the dinners' status and its needs going forward.

First of all, we would like to say that we owe a debt of gratitude to Wanda Hymes and Debbie Sokolosky for creating this very valuable ministry for our church. It has been a real pleasure to be able to continue to offer this bimonthly time of food and fellowship to our church members and guests from our community.

These dinners would not be possible without our amazing group of volunteers, and we could always use more. I think our volunteers would agree that working together has been a blessing, not only in serving others, but also in getting to know each other better. If you are interested in joining us, we host the dinners on the second and fourth Thursdays of each month at 6:00. Between the hours of 4:30 and 8:00, we prepare the meal, set up and take down tables and chairs, serve food, drinks and desserts, and clean up. Volunteers let us know what time fits into their schedule and whether they would like to help regularly or just occasionally.

The Morris Community Dinners are solely supported by donations; no money has been provided through the general church budget. Between February and May, we served over 1,400 meals (including to-go boxes prepared with the leftovers). The dinners were attended by an average of 116 people. We do all we can to keep our meal costs as low as possible, while still serving well-balanced and tasty meals. The average cost is only \$1.40 per meal. While this may seem like a small amount, we have spent over \$2,000 providing these 1,400 meals. Prior donations and small contributions from attendees have supported the community dinners up to this point, but funds are running low and we need additional donations to continue providing these meals.



If you are able to make a donation to support the community dinners, please put your check in the offering or send it to the church office, with a notation that it is to support the community dinners. If you wish to join our group of volunteers, email glorianncaudill@gmail.com. Thank you for your help.

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MONTH

<u>DATE</u>	<u>START</u>	<u>POSITIONS</u>
July 7	8:30 am 11:00 am	Ushers ----- Susan & Bill Vieweg Ushers ----- Matt & Ashley Skiles and Ann Davis
July 14	8:30 am 11:00 am	Ushers ----- Robert & Michelle Stigall Ushers ----- Ann Davis
July 21	8:30 am 11:00 am	Ushers ----- Beth Hall and Dean Patrick Ushers ----- Ann Davis
July 28	8:30 am 11:00 am	Ushers ----- Jon & Christy Browning Ushers ----- Ann Davis

Get ready for Vacation Bible School!



Dates:
 Sunday, July 14 - Thursday, July 18
 Times:
 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.

Classes for 3yr. olds - 5th graders
 Adult Class - "Return to Mayberry"

Questions contact:
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