

Morris Memorial



MORRIS MEMORIAL UM CHURCH

MARCH 2020

CHARLESTON, WEST VIRGINIA

COMMON GROUNDS NEWS AND NEEDS

The Common Grounds Annual Report has been completed for 2019. 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: 910
Actual Number of People helped: 2290

Number of New Families: 135
Average Monthly Income: \$720.79

In addition, the number of volunteers from our church who served in different capacities is 16. This number does not include our faithful Knit Wits, our scouts, and our youth group. The Knit Wits have made us dish cloths and baby blankets to distribute, our scouts brought many bags of donated food and sorted it, and our youth came and filled our Thanksgiving boxes for distribution. We could not fulfill our mission at Common Grounds without the help of so many. What a blessing all of them are! Perhaps you think you might be interested in volunteering at Common Grounds. We really could use your help. Please contact Susan Vieweg or Pam Higgs 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.)

The end of January Common Grounds has applied for the West Virginia United Methodist Conference's Hunger Grant. We applied for it last year (and prior years). In 2019 we were awarded up to \$1000 depending upon money that came in. By the end of the year we had received \$817.34. How grateful we are our conference supports mission outreaches of their local churches! That gift has been quite valuable to our operations this year.

If you would like to donate food this month, please consider canned soup, canned spaghetti sauce, and/or boxed spaghetti (or whatever you'd like). You may place them in the woven trunk in the open 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.

March

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

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| 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 | Jerry Townson | March 21 |
| Diana Caudill | March 5 | Zachary Fletcher | March 22 |
| Hilda Hedrick | March 6 | Bonny Eskew | March 24 |
| Linda Kendall | March 6 | Dan Baker | March 26 |
| Jenna Jacobs | March 9 | Ann Davis | March 27 |
| David Byrd | March 13 | Karen Silkwood | March 27 |
| Ellie Eskew | March 14 | Jane Slack | March 29 |
| Tim Basford | March 15 | Shirley Jones | March 31 |
| Kitty Gould | March 17 | Kylie Anderson | March 31 |



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| Amanda & Greg Eads | March 7 |
| BA & Mike Miskowiec | March 19 |
| Karen & Dean Silkwood | March 27 |

*Lector
Schedule*

| | 8:30 | 11:00 |
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| March 1 | Beth Hall | Joe Wallace |
| March 8 | Jerry Townson | Candice Anderson |
| March 15 | Jeannie Morris | Kitty Epperly |
| March 22 | Nancy Duncan | Terry Terpening |
| March 29 | Beth Hall | Gloriann Caudill |



UPCOMING EVENTS

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| 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 |
| | 10:30 a.m. | Bible Study |
| | 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 |
| | 4:00 p.m. | Youth |

March 3 – Trustees at 7:00 p.m.

March 5 – UM Men at 6:00 p.m.

March 10 – Finance Team at 6:15 p.m.

March 10 – Church Council at 7:15 p.m.

March 12 – Worship & Nurture at 2:00 p.m.

March 12 – Knit Wits at 2:00 p.m.

March 12 – Community Dinner at 6:00 p.m.

March 17 – MEC Board at 6:00 p.m.

March 19 – MEC Task Force at 6:00 p.m.

March 21 – Scout District Pinewood Derby

March 24 – PPRC at 6:00 p.m.

March 26 – Knit Wits at 2:00 p.m.

March 26 – Community Dinner at 6:00 p.m.

Thank you to everyone who wrote a devotion for our Lenten devotional booklet and a special thank you to Jim & Gloriann Caudill for putting everything together! If you haven't already, please pick up a devotional in the Sanctuary! The devotional booklet is a fantastic way to guide you through the season of Lent.

Morris Enrichment Center News

This next week we will be entering the month of March, where has time gone? Greetings from all of us here at the Enrichment Center!

Since our last article so much has happened around here, some great and some sad. During the month of January, we lost two of our own. Barbara, who previously worked in the kitchen for several years and of course, Mary West. A sad time for all of us, but we can rejoice as we think of where they are now. Their happiness helps us to make it one more day. It has been rough for the staff and children, but God is Good All the Time. All the time God is Good.

We have had Valentine parties and eaten a lot of candy! We celebrated when we saw a little snow and then just a lot of rain. One of the children asked if God changed His mind and was going to destroy the world with water again?! I assured him that God keeps His promises and we have the rainbow to prove it.

During the month of December, our Afterschool Lead Teacher Jake Minor, told me about a \$25,000 grant he read about and asked if he could apply for it. I told him absolutely - we could use the money to fix the classrooms up. As a matter of fact, I think we both forgot we applied but one afternoon in January he came running to me with a letter stating we got the grant and it was for \$24,977.00! I can tell you I nearly fell over. Sometimes when you receive a letter like that you wonder if someone was playing a trick, even though it looked official. We kept the letter and waited to see if any more correspondence arrived. In the middle of February we were asked to meet with Governor Jim Justice to receive a giant check for the amount of the grant. I am so proud of my staff's hard work! Hopefully, you will soon see new items in the center because we will begin our purchasing! When you go through a dark valley as we did with the loss of co-workers, sometimes you forget just how GREAT our God really is. He surprises you by showing you how much He cares. All we can say is THANK YOU GOD for taking care of us again.



Please stop by and see what God has done for the Morris Enrichment Center. The coffee pot is always on and sometimes cookies float around or cheesecake bites. As we help others God helps us. Remember the world around us is our ministry waiting on us.

God Bless!
Georgeanne

Do you or your team have news to share with the Morris family? If so, please send an article or just the information to Erin at eborchers@morrismemorial.org for inclusion in the monthly newsletter! We would love to post updates, upcoming events, needs or even pictures! This newsletter is a wonderful opportunity to keep our church family in the know!

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MONTH

| <u>DATE</u> | <u>START</u> | <u>POSITIONS</u> |
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| March 1 | 8:30 am | Ushers ----- Teddi Smith and Karen Smith |
| | 11:00 am | Ushers ----- Steve Boyd, Mickie Bowles and Ann Davis |
| March 8 | 8:30 am | Ushers -----Dean Patrick and Beth Hall |
| | 11:00 am | Ushers Donna Stover, Georgeanne Leake and Ann Davis |
| March 15 | 8:30 am | Ushers -----Ted Bledsoe and Jackie Carden |
| | 11:00 am | Ushers -----Ashley & Matt Skiles and Ann Davis |
| March 22 | 8:30 am | Ushers ----- Robert & Michelle Stigall |
| | 11:00 am | Ushers ----- Tim Basford, Cathie Brown and Ann Davis |
| March 29 | 8:30 am | Ushers ----- Gael & Doris Morris |
| | 11:00 am | Ushers -----Ashley & Matt Skiles and Ann Davis |

*Children's Moments
Schedule*

| | 11:00 |
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| March 1 | Karen Winter |
| March 8 | Jon Browning |
| March 15 | Thelma Ann Wandling |
| March 22 | Ashley Skiles |
| March 29 | Sharon Byrd |

*If you are interested in helping with the Children's Moments,
please contact Erin at the church office or at eborchers@morrismemorial.org*