

# Morris MEMORIAL

NOVEMBER 2021

## COMMON GROUNDS NEWS AND NEEDS

This article is being written near the end of October and we at Common Grounds have been signing up eligible families for our Thanksgiving boxes all month. At the same time our Worship 'n Nurture Team here at Morris Memorial is conducting a Thanksgiving Food Drive to collect food for those boxes. The boxes, distributed two days before Thanksgiving, will be filled with all that's needed for a complete Thanksgiving meal for each family. To date you, our Morris Family, has been very generous in bringing and donating the requested items. Please know you have played a significant role in ensuring that many of our local underprivileged families will be able to celebrate Thanksgiving right along with us. Thank you, thank you for your part in helping to make it happen! Blessings abound for us all!

Thank you also to our church family and friends who have been faithful to continue to support Common Grounds during the pandemic. It's been a bit "rocky" at times not only for Common Grounds but really for all of us during this time. Thankfully we have been able to keep our doors open to serve our neighbors. How thankful we are that all of us together are Christ's Hands and Feet serving them!

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 neighborhood....guaranteed! God bless you!

If you would like to help us this month, please consider bringing CANNED DICED TOMATOES, CANNED CHICKEN, AND/OR BOXED OATMEAL. 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. We are ever grateful!!

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.

## WHO IS GOD TO YOU?

Recently I delivered a sermon that was based on Matthew 14, particularly, the story of when Jesus called Peter to climb out of the boat. Hopefully you know this story, and I pray it is constantly on your mind so you might give thought to the idea of how you can climb out the safety of the boat and walk on water.

In order for us to find the courage to climb out of the boat, I think we must consider who Jesus really is in our own life. Is he just a figure you call on during times of trouble? Is he your go to person when no one else is around? Perhaps he is only a far off distant God that you know saved you from your death of sin; so far off that he is only accessible by the holiest of holy people, but surely not by you. Really, who is Jesus to you?

It is important for us to remember that Jesus knew we- his disciples- would struggle with this question. When time was growing near to his crucifixion, he told his disciples that he was going away from them, but he was not going to leave them alone. He said he would ask his Father to send a comforter- the Holy Spirit- to be with them. That same Holy Spirit resides within each of us even today.

On any given day Jesus means many different things to each one of us. The important thing to remember is that he is with us and there to protect us when we climb out into the water, if only we trust and have faith.

*Pastor Ray*

## CELEBRATIONS THIS MONTH

### *Birthdays:*

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

### *Anniversaries:*

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

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



# UPCOMING EVENTS

Mondays:	9:30 a.m.	Nurture in Action
Wednesdays:	10:00 a.m. 10:30 a.m.	MEC Chapel Bible Study
Thursdays	7:00 p.m.	Truth Project
Sundays:	9:00 a.m. 10:30 a.m. 2:00 p.m.	Sunday School Worship Service Youth

November 1 – UM Men at 7:00 p.m.  
November 2 - Trustees at 6:30 p.m.  
November 9 – Finance Team at 6:30 p.m.  
November 15 – Worship Team at 1:00 p.m.  
November 16 – Church Council at 6:30 p.m.  
November 23 – PPRC at 6:30 p.m.  
November 27 – Worship Team decorating the sanctuary

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The majority of communication from the church is currently through email. If you are not receiving regular emails from the church, please contact Erin at 304-925-1413 or at [eborchers@morrismemorial.org](mailto:eborchers@morrismemorial.org) to have your email address added to our database!

**THE MORRIS  
ENRICHMENT CENTER  
CHILDREN HAD A  
WONDERFUL TRUNK OR  
TREAT! LOTS OF  
GOODIES AND  
AWESOME COSTUMES!**



## Important News

- *We will begin an in-person Bible Study on Wednesday, November 3<sup>rd</sup> at 10:30 a.m. The class will be studying “The Wesleyan Journey” and study guides are available from Pastor Ray. This study will last 8 weeks and all are welcome. Please come out and enjoy a fantastic study and the chance to fellowship!*
- *All Saints Sunday will be celebrated on Sunday, November 7<sup>th</sup>. Please join us as we remember those in our church family that are no longer with us.*



*Our annual Thanksgiving Food Drive is about to wrap up! For the last two weeks of the food drive, you are asked to please bring:*

***October 31:  
Canned Gravy and Cranberry Sauce  
Family Size Unsweetened Cereal***

***November 7:  
Baked Beans and Canned Corn***