

Morris Memorial

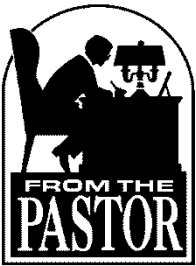


Dear Sisters and Brothers,

I greet you in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

We are entering the season of Thanksgiving and God has blessed us with so much that we need to offer thanks to God.

Who is the most thankful person you know? Who among your friends approaches life with a grateful attitude? Which of the people you know say “thank you” most often? How do you feel when you are around that person?



Who is the least thankful person you know? Who among your friends is least likely to approach life with a grateful attitude? How do you feel when you are around that person?

In the public television series based on the hymn “Amazing Grace,” Bill Moyers interviews a very old man, a person so obviously in love with life that he carries joy in every crease of his face. Moyers asks the man what he has seen in his life of God’s grace and what he has observed in the lives of others. The man’s reply is interesting. He says, in effect, that it is more difficult to realize God’s grace and to be grateful if you are either very rich or very poor. I think this man is on to something. Deuteronomy 8:7-18 takes special care to remind Israel to be thankful and to remember who brought them to safety and prosperity. In many ways, the entire Book of Deuteronomy serves as a careful reminder of God’s powerful claim on us and our faith-filled response of heartfelt thanksgiving.

My hope and prayer is that you will have a blessed Thanksgiving.

Grace and Peace,
Pastor Rick

November



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| Nancy Pauley | November 1 | Donna Sater | November 19 |
| Linda Yanov | November 2 | Carissa McBurney | November 21 |
| David Williams | November 7 | Lauren Petit | November 21 |
| Matthew Smoot | November 7 | Allie McPhail | November 21 |
| Betty Mooney | November 7 | Susan Vieweg | November 22 |
| Linda Reed | November 8 | Elizabeth Kinder | November 23 |
| Sara Riffe | November 9 | Craig Haddox | November 23 |
| Bruce Poole | November 9 | Paxton Haddox | November 24 |
| Butch Hymes | November 10 | Adam Myers | November 24 |
| Gael Morris | November 12 | Lindsay Johnson | November 25 |
| Denver Rust | November 13 | Mary Pritt | November 25 |
| Elizabeth Davis | November 14 | Effie Perry | November 28 |
| Jackie Booth | November 16 | Patricia Duffie | November 28 |
| Denise Heflin | November 16 | | |
| Jerome Hairston | November 18 | | |



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

Think About It....

Worry about nothing – pray about everything

United Methodist Women

The UM Women met on October 11th with 28 members in attendance. Mildred Bledsoe and Pat Duffy prepared a delicious luncheon and Ingrid Smith presented the program which reviewed the book by Elizabeth Edwards, wife of former presidential candidate John Edwards, entitled "Resilience."

The Nominating Committee reported that a slate of officers had been prepared for 2012 and will be presented to the membership for a vote at the November meeting. The Flea Market was discussed at length and details on its success will be shared at the November meeting. Many donations of toothpaste were collected for Common Grounds and a request for bars of soap was made by Bobbie Keller.

Don't forget that the UM Women are making candy on Monday nights at 6:00 p.m. If you want to know more about this, call or see Dee Borgel. Hostesses for the November meeting will be Sandy Myers and Ingrid Smith. Nancy Cole will present the program.



The UM Women will be preparing Thanksgiving baskets and need your help! They will be providing meat and dairy products, but need non-perishable food. If you would like to make a donation, please bring it to the Church by Nov. 18 and drop it in the barrel in the Narthex.

Sally Monk, UMW President

Acolyte Training

On Sunday, November 6th at 5:00 p.m., we will host our fall acolyte training. Our evening will include a time of training in the sanctuary during which Pastor Rick will be speaking with the acolytes. The training will be followed by a short pizza party. The training should last 2-2.5 hours.

All children in 2nd grade and older that are interested in serving as an acolyte, are invited to attend. Children currently serving as acolytes, who wish to continue, should attend as well. If your child is interested but cannot attend the training, an alternate training time will be arranged.



Questions? Call Debby at 304-344-1008. Come join the fun and share in the ministry of being an acolyte!

COMMON GROUNDS NEWS AND NEEDS

In September Common Grounds held its First Volunteer Appreciation Get-Together on the deck behind St. Agnes Catholic Church. Approximately 50 volunteers attended and enjoyed the “Dee-licious” picnic which was only exceeded by the fun and fellowship of the volunteers from all three churches. (FYI – The picnic was entirely underwritten by the volunteers. This ecumenical endeavor, Common Grounds, is a blessing to us all as well as to those families we serve on behalf of our churches.



As you are well aware, food prices keep going up and as they do, we find that the numbers of needy families who come to Common Grounds for assistance, either for food and/or help with utilities, also are rising. Last month we served 288 families, 33 more families than we have in any other month since we've opened. Needless to say, this puts a strain on our budget and food stores. If you find you can help us help our needy neighbors

this month, please bring BOXED CEREALS, PEANUT BUTTER, AND/OR BOXED MACARONI AND CHEESE, or write us a check, or give us cash for this important work. We always welcome your prayers and if you would like to volunteer with us, we'd love to have you!



We appreciate all of you who have been sharing with our needy neighbors. In the Sept. 30 – Oct. 2, 2011 USA WEEKEND insert in our daily newspaper Natalie Morales was quoted as saying about volunteers, “When you outstretch a hand to someone in need, you're giving a part of yourself to that person....It's the most incredible, uplifting feeling you can experience.” May God bless you for outstretching your hands!

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.

Morris Enrichment Center News

How wonderful to listen to the sounds of laughter as children are climbing and watching the bubbles blowing in their classroom this brisk fall morning. I keep thinking of how God has really blessed us here at the Center. We are full to capacity and have a waiting list in every class. Our teachers love their jobs and want to be here - we can see how God is working.

We have a new fence on the playground that really looks snazzy and we are awaiting the new playground equipment that will be delivered soon, along with the mulch from a company in Ohio. We are putting the synthetic mulch on the playground as it does not heat up and should not be tracked inside the Family Life Center.

The past few weeks has seen many changes and exciting new classes for us. Rich from Harding Funeral Home came with the gentlemen from the coroner's office, and fingerprinted all the children as well as the adults. Thank you Rich! We thought it would take two days but they were able to finish in one.

Chapel services are such great fun. They suffered through my singing while Kathleen was out on intercession from Pre-K but now they are back to normal. They love Pastor Rick and get excited on Wednesdays to participate in Chapel. If you want to see a ministry of the church in action, stop by on a Wednesday morning and watch as they sing praises to God. We just had our Trunk or Treat on October 27th and we're already talking about breakfast with Santa and other fun days in the future. Keep us in your prayers and stop and visit every now and then. We are doing well and new things happen every day around children. If you need a good laugh, stop by and talk to a child. It will make your whole day brighter.



God Bless!
Georgeanne

Prayer Partner Schedule

| | 8:30 a.m. | 11:00 a.m. |
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| Nov. 6 | Ron Cole | Kitty Epperly |
| Nov. 13 | Teresa Samms | B.A. Miskowiec |
| Nov. 20 | Ed Eskew | Jim Kautz |
| Nov. 27 | Nancy Cole | Barney Frazier |

TRUSTEES AT WORK

It seems the maintenance of our facility is a never ending task. Your trustees have been chipping away at our “To Do” list and feel we are closing in on a very successful year. We detailed work that has been accomplished in our February, April and June Newsletter articles. Below you will find additional accomplishments. We have been truly blessed to have such a talented and dedicated group of Trustees who, combined with the support of many volunteers, have made 2011 a very productive year.

Here is list of the items that have been addressed since our last communication:

- The roof has been replaced on Family Life Center and Kitchen.
- The roof has been replaced on the Education Building.
- The Storage Building has been moved to East end of building.
- A new fence has been installed around the playground.
- HID lamps have been replaced in the Sanctuary.
- The Audio speakers have been repaired in the Cry rooms.
- New electrical circuit has been added in the kitchen. (Thanks to Clyde Hedrick)
- Wireless microphones have been purchased for use in the sanctuary.
- All furnace filters have been replaced or cleaned. (We have 13 HVAC units?)
- New carpets have been installed in the Work Room, Office and Pastor's Study.
- Walls have been painted in the Work Room and Office.
- New counter top work space has been installed in the Work Room.
- Windows with broken seals have been replaced in the Choir Room and Conference Room.
- South Cry Room has been repainted and is now available for use.

Projects that are approved and scheduled include:

- Repair of the automated Baptistry heating system. (Baptistry is available for use.)
- HVAC needs to address the issues on the North side of the Education Building.
- Install No Parking signs near the trash dumpster for the days of pick up.
- Replace damaged ceiling tile in 2nd floor hall now that roofing is complete.
- Complete work on Web-Site. (Now in Progress)

Below is the list of Trustees and their areas of responsibility:

Bob Wade – Sanctuary, Narthex & 2nd Floor rooms

Carl Fletcher – Sound, Studio Lighting & All Computer Equipment

Mary Townson – Education Building, Conference Room & Offices

Mary Collins – Family Life Center & Kitchen

Brad Stewart – HVAC, Plumbing and Electrical Utilities

Kent Williams – Building Structure, Roofing, Windows & Parking Lot

Chuck Yonov – Landscaping, Snow & Trash Removal, Playground

Lynn Thompson – Building Use Policy, Insurance, Trusts & Bequests

Ron Cole - Parsonage

If it is not clear who to contact, please call Ron Cole, Chairperson, Kent Williams, Vice Chairperson or Lynn Thompson, Secretary and we will make sure your voice is heard.



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| Sunday School | 70 | 53 | 58 | 67 |
| Morning Worship | 230 | 225 | 191 | 189 |

GENERAL BUDGET

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| Needed year to date to meet 2011 Faith Giving Goal | \$ 394,818.69 |
| Received through Oct. 23 for 2011 Faith Giving Goal | <u>\$ 373,320.51</u> |
| Ahead (Behind) Faith Giving Goal requirements for 2011 | \$ (21,981.18) |

Note Burning Service



Please join us as we host a Mortgage Note-Burning service on Sunday, November 20, 2011. We will have one service at 11:00 a.m. and your presence is needed and appreciated. Bishop Lyght will be giving the sermon and District Superintendent Ed Grant and several of our previous pastors will be present. We will also hold a dinner immediately afterwards in the Family Life Center.

This Note-Burning service is only possible because of your support – please make every effort to attend this very exciting service.

Congratulations to Monica & Mark Hatfield on the birth of their grandson, Lincoln Richard Cumberledge. Lincoln was born October 7th, weighed 9 lbs. 2 oz., and was 21 inches long. Proud parents are Mary & Jeremy Cumberledge.



Kids For Christ

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| November 3 years - 1st grade | |
| Nov. 6 | Craig and Michelle Haddox |

2011 Kids for Christ Volunteers

- Rhett Bowen (541-9233)
- Adam & Sara Alley (757-5941)
- Ed & Lesa Eskew (925-9047)
- Craig & Michelle Haddox (965-1279)
- Ryan and Candice Anderson (395-2008)
- Teddi Smith (925-9894)
- Shawn & Crystal Bastin (776-2896)
- Kathleen Nail (925-8582)
- Jeff and Gina Rohal (345-1888)

NEED VOLUNTEERS!

If you are unable to teach on your assigned date, please refer to the list above to make arrangements for your class or program. THANK YOU!

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| Nov. 13 | Jeff and Gina Rohall |
| Nov. 20 | Reuben and Rebecca Gillespie |
| Nov. 27 | Thanksgiving holiday: No program |
| November 2nd -5th grade | |
| Nov. 6 | Adam and Sara Alley |
| Nov. 13 | Ed and Lesa Eskew |
| Nov. 20 | Teddi Smith and Rhett Bowen |
| Nov. 27 | Thanksgiving holiday: No program |

*Dear Church Family,
My heart is overflowing with gratitude to you for your love and support shown to me and my family during my recent open heart surgery and now during my recuperation. Thank you, thank you for those who were there during surgery, for your cards, for food, for flowers, for phone calls, and most of all for your prayers. (I'm sure that's why I'm doing as well as I am.) All of these were evidence of your caring and provided encouragement and much-needed support during this time. Thanks again! Looking forward to when we can be back with you---hopefully soon.*

*In Christ's Love,
Susan and Bill Vieweg and Family*



Thank you for the calls, visits, prayers and concern during my recent hospital visit. My church family continues to amaze me!

God Bless, David Leake

A special thanks to Pastor Rick for his visits and prayers. Also the Adult Sunday School class for the great card signed by all present with words of encouragement from each. What a wonderful Church Family we have! The cards, visits and phone calls were very uplifting and greatly appreciated.

*My hospital experience clearly expresses that PRAYER WORKS!
Thanks to all, Oral Sisson*

NOVEMBER 2011 11 MORRIS MEMORIAL

| <u>DATE</u> | <u>START</u> | <u>POSITIONS</u> |
|-------------|--------------|--|
| November 6 | 8:30 am | Ushers -----Ted & Mildred Bledsoe |
| | 11:00 am | Ushers -----Donna Stover, Cathie Brown, -----Barney & Jackie Frazier, and Ann Davis |
| November 13 | 8:30 am | Ushers -----Donna Arbogast and Shelia Wade |
| | 11:00 am | Ushers -----Roy & Ingrid Smith and Ann Davis |
| November 20 | 8:30 am | Ushers ----- Barbara Adkins and Karen Smith |
| | 11:00 am | Ushers --- Mickie Bowles, Ruby Jolliffe and Ann Davis |
| November 27 | 8:30 am | Ushers ----- Ron & Nancy Cole |
| | 11:00 am | Ushers ----- Georgeanne Leake, Deloris Skiles -----and Ann Davis |

Liturgist Schedule

| | 8:30 a.m. | 11:00 a.m. |
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| Nov. 6 | Bill Vieweg | Kitty Epperly |
| Nov. 13 | Ron Cole | Pam Higgs |
| Nov. 20 | Thelma Wandling | Mike Miskowiec |
| Nov. 27 | Barbara Adkins | Janet Armstead |

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

All groups planning to use the Family Life Center and meeting rooms must contact the Church office and have their activities on the Church calendar. Please do not use a room until you have contacted the office.

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