

Morris Memorial



Dear Sisters and Brothers,

I greet you in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. The Apostle Paul in his first letter to the Corinthian church, chapter 16 verse 2 said, “On the first day of each week let each one of you lay something aside, storing up as he may prosper.”

Can you relate to any of the following?

- Have you ever felt you didn’t have enough income to make ends meet?
- Have you ever been frustrated or wearied by the number of appeal letters you’ve received in the mail?
- Have you ever felt guilty that you weren’t able to give fully and faithfully to the church?
- If you are married, do you wish you and your spouse agreed more on how much, when, and where to give your money to do the Lord’s work?
- Do you wish you had extra funds to give?

I know there have been times I have been frustrated with some of the things mentioned above. I believe I Corinthians 16:2 helps with those frustrations. That verse implies that as Christians, God wants us to take time on the first day of each week to look back over the last seven days to see how God has provided for us, and then gratefully lay aside funds that we can use to give to His work.

I want to encourage you on the first day of the week to look back over the last seven days and see how God has blessed you. I believe you will be surprised by how God has richly blessed you. We give back to God not because we have to, but because we want to. Some people say that we should “give to get,” but the Lord shows us that the best way to give is clearly to see what He’s given you – and then to generously, joyfully and cheerfully set aside a portion to give back to Him!

The Finance Team is working on the budget for 2012 and they have set October 16, 2011 as Consecration Sunday. We at Morris are blessed to have so many ministries taking place. I want to encourage you to continue contributing so that these ministries may continue and to even start new ones.

In closing, I’m reminded of the familiar words of the hymn, “Count Your Blessings.” “Count your blessings, name them one by one. Count your blessings and see what God has done.” How liberating and exciting this can be for anyone who truly begins to practice this truth according to I Corinthians 16:2. It’s my prayer that you would begin to count your blessings each week and start a “Blessings Fund” to help you be more joyful and generous in your giving to the Lord’s work.

Grace and Peace, *Pastor Rick*



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| Abigail Miskowiec | October 2 | Ed Eskew | October 17 |
| Cathy Caudill | October 4 | Maxine Bowen | October 18 |
| Tonya Bunderson | October 4 | Walter Myers | October 18 |
| Rick White | October 5 | Jim Caudill | October 21 |
| Debbie LaDoucer | October 8 | Carol Caudill | October 22 |
| Mary Wilton | October 10 | Steve Caudill | October 22 |
| Heather Sneed | October 11 | Christa Hall | October 22 |
| Amanda Eads | October 16 | Monica Hatfield | October 26 |
| Sarah Barber | October 16 | | |



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| Ruth & Melvin Lancaster | October 3 | Ann & Jim Kautz | October 8 |
| Kay & Ron Brooks | October 8 | Stephanie & Doug Smoot | October 16 |

Think About It....

The light that shines from the Holy Spirit cannot be extinguished.

United Methodist Women

The UM Women met on September 13th with a surprising 30 members present. This was the first meeting of the fall and was very well attended. We were also blessed with the attendance of Pastor Rick and his wife Susie. A delicious lunch was provided by Kitty Gould and several other members. Carolyn Ballard gave a very interesting program entitled "The House by the Side of the Road."

The main item of business to be discussed was the upcoming Flea Market, which will be held on Saturday, October 22nd. Velma High reported that all tables had been rented but not yet paid for. This must be done by October 8th in order to keep the reservation. There is a waiting list of people who would like to have a table if cancellations occur. Vendors will be permitted in the Family Life Center to set up on Friday, October 21st at 6:00 p.m. The UM Women will begin setting up the tables on Friday at 2:00. Items for donation may be brought to the church on October 10th and brought to the UMW room in the gym. Nancy Cole and Pat Duffie volunteered to clear space in the room to put our new donations. We will be hosting a Good as New Table, a bake sale, and breakfast and lunch served from the kitchen.



Dee Borgel informed the group that candy making will begin on Monday, September 19th at 6:00 p.m. Please see Dee if you are interested in helping. Ingrid Smith, Bobbie Keller and Dee Borgel volunteered to help Debbie LaDoucer prepare the food baskets for CDOM for Thanksgiving. A nominating committee consisting of Chairperson Mildred Bledsoe, Dee Borgel and Bobbie Keller was appointed by the President to prepare a slate of officers for 2012. They will report back to the membership at October's meeting.

Our next meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 11th at 12:30 p.m. at the Church. All ladies of the Church are invited – we would love to see you! Ingrid Smith will present the program and Pat Duffie and Mildred Bledsoe will serve as hostesses.

Sally Monk, UMW President

Walk to End Alzheimer's

The Walk to End Alzheimer's is a month away: Saturday, October 29, 2011 at Appalachian Power Park. Registration is 9:30. The Walk begins at 10:30. Length of the Walk is approximately 1 ½ miles. To join our Church Team, follow this link:

<http://walktoendalz.kintera.org/charlestonwv/morrismemorialmemorymakers>.

Or pick up a Registration Form by the Sign-up Sheet in the Narthex. These can be turned in the day of the Walk or earlier to BA Miskowiec or at the Alzheimer's Association office on Lee Street across from the Clay Center. "Bank Day" is Wednesday, October 26th. I can turn in donations and pick up T-shirts on or after that day. Be sure to write your T-shirt size on the Sign-up Sheet to ensure you get the size you want.

A **special offering** will be taken up on **Sunday, October 23, 2011** at both services. Checks should be made out to "WV Alz Assoc." Cash donations should be placed in offering envelopes with "Alz" written on them. My goal for our Church Team is \$1,000. Let's try to make that happen! Our Church has always been very supportive of the Alzheimer's Walk. Thank you again for your generosity.

COMMON GROUNDS NEWS AND NEEDS

Our latest news at Common Grounds is that volunteers from our church are picking up Breads/Sweet Rolls/ Bagels/Cookies donated by the new Panera Bread in Charleston Town Center for our families who come to Common Grounds on Thursdays. Volunteers not only pick them up but they divide the breads, etc. and place them in bags for individual families to choose. A volunteer from St. Agnes Catholic Church has already been picking up Panera Bread donations from their Southridge Store for our Tuesday families. Thanks to our Lenore Zedosky for setting this up to benefit our Thursday families! When you patronize the Panera Bread in Charleston Town Center, please make it a point to thank the manager for their generosity! We are so grateful!



As a follow-up to our last article in the Morris Memo about Kathryn and Emma Alley (young girls from our church coming to volunteer at Common Grounds), it might be interesting for you to know that they have come back to volunteer once again (this time with the entire family) before school started. What is particularly interesting is that Kathryn had decided to have her 10th birthday party with a "Giving Back" theme. **Instead of having her birthday party guests bring birthday gifts for her, she gave them a list of the types of foods we are in need of for our food boxes at Common Grounds and asked guests to bring food rather than birthday gifts.** The birthday party guests (and their families) were very generous; together they donated a total of 354 pounds of food!! Kathryn and Emma came back to deliver the food, weigh it, shelve it, and begin placing these new donations in food boxes to be distributed to families. Not only are they hard workers but they genuinely are excited to be a part of giving food to persons who really need it! We are so fortunate to have Adam, Sara, Kathryn, Emma, and Julianna in our church family. Thank you for helping us help others. Come back when you can; we loved having you!!



Thanks to all of you who have been sharing with our needy neighbors. Whether your donations are food, cash, check, volunteer time or prayers. We need your help to do this important work for the Lord. This month will you please help us out by bringing CANNED SOUPS, PORK AND BEANS, AND/OR TOILET PAPER? We'd appreciate it! God bless each and every one of 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, our Morris' Mission Team's Common Grounds Coordinator, at (304) 344-2617.

Congratulations to proud parents Candice & Ryan Anderson on the birth of their son, Jackson Reed Anderson! Jackson was born on September 3rd, weighed 8 lbs. 6 oz. and was 20.5 inches long.

Congratulations to grandparents Larry & Kathy White and big sisters Kylie and Kendall.



Congratulations to proud great-grandparents Mel & Ruth Lancaster on the birth of their great-granddaughter, Olivia Jean Lancaster! Olivia was born on September 10th, weighed 6 lbs. 5 oz. and was 19 inches long. Congratulations to parents Nate & Hillary Lancaster and big sister Lilly.

I will always be so grateful to you for your thoughtfulness shown to me while I was in the hospital. The cards, food and visits were so uplifting. Pastor Rick was so faithful to visit, which brightened my day each time he came. It was also nice to meet Susie on one of his visits. Thank you again for your thoughtfulness.

*God Bless You All,
Greta Skiles*

The congregation of Morris Memorial would like to thank Zack Fletcher for all his hard work over the summer. He landscaped and mulched a great deal of our property and he did a fantastic job. Thank you for your time and energy!!

Bloomers and Boxers

Say what?..... Some call them underclothes and some call them briefs. Some call them knickers, unmentionables, undies or drawers. The fact is they have been around for 7000 years and it is something most of us take for granted. We get up each morning and reach in the drawer for our favorite and most comfortable pair of "step ins." Can you help us allow someone else the same pleasure?



The Missions Team would like you to help us replenish the supply of underwear and socks at Covenant House's Clothing Closet. A donation on Sunday, October 9, 2011 of either item would be appreciated. If you are not able to shop, a monetary donation will be accepted and we will do the

shopping for you. Donations may be for an adult or child. If you have any questions, please contact Amanda Eads at 304-925-4561.



| | <u>Sept. 4</u> | <u>Sept 11</u> | <u>Sept. 18</u> | <u>Sept. 25</u> |
|-----------------|----------------|----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| Sunday School | 57 | 61 | 58 | 45 |
| Morning Worship | 187 | 218 | 183 | 175 |

GENERAL BUDGET

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| Needed year to date to meet 2011 Faith Giving Goal | \$ 358,091.37 |
| Received through Sept. 25 for 2011 Faith Giving Goal | \$ 342,725.52 |
| Ahead (Behind) Faith Giving Goal requirements for 2011 | \$ (15,365.85) |

Thoughts about our Finance Campaign

Here are some of the places where my offering went this year:

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| Relief for victims of Hurricane Irene | Aid for the poor and homeless |
| Vacation Bible School | Sunday School curricula |
| Music for the choir | The Pastor's Salary |
| Church utility payments | Paper for church bulletins |
| Janitorial staff & cleaning supplies | CDOM & other missions |

Imagine if any one of us had to pay these expenses ourselves. We couldn't do it. But with God's help and by joining together, we can meet our church's obligations. Now-a-days it's hard to get by on just one income. The church is no different. I may not have much, but I am proud of the good my church does and I am grateful to be able to support my church in its efforts to do God's work. I am going to make a pledge commitment to let my church know that they can count on me!

BA Miskowiec

As a couple in our thirties, we would like to encourage all of the young adults to prayerfully consider filling out a pledge for the upcoming year. Our church budget includes money going to local and world missions, helps fund ministries for all ages, and keeps our church functioning. Giving to the church is a call given to us as disciples and as members of this church family.

*Thank you,
Craig and Michelle Haddox*

Almost an Ark!

If everyone can remember back to February 2011, they will recall the Boy Scouts decided to participate in a world mission project called Heifer International and asked the congregation for their help. Many of you are familiar with Heifer International and may have read our bulletin board. However, for those of you that are not, here is a one sentence explanation. *Heifer International is a world hunger relief organization that sends donated livestock, trees and seeds to families struggling with poverty and hunger in more than fifty countries, including the United States.*

Initially the plan was to collect money through Lent with the hope of raising enough money to purchase one heifer (\$500). Needless to say, the scouts were amazed when they collected over \$900 the first Sunday. Each Sunday thereafter the scouts collected change, bills, checks, and overflowing piggy-banks. There was such an overwhelming response that Pastor Dan challenged us to buy an "Ark." That is the biggest collective gift that can be donated and as the name suggests it is pairs of animals, 15 pairs to be exact. An Ark costs \$5000. We came close collecting a total of \$3054. Our order consisted of the following: 2 Heifers, 1 Water Buffalo, 1 Llama, 1 Camel, 2 Pigs, 2 Sheep, 1 Goat, a flock of Geese, a flock of Chicks, a flock of Ducks, a trio of Rabbits, Honeybees, and trees.



The Boy Scouts want to say THANK YOU for supporting them in this endeavor with special thank you's to Georgeanne Leake, Pastor Dan, Pastor John, and Chaplain Bruce Reed. A follow up note to us from Heifer International said, "Thank you! Your generosity just sparked a cycle of giving....a cycle that will transform lives for generations to come."

Prayer Partner Schedule

| | 8:30 a.m. | 11:00 a.m. |
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| Oct. 2 | Michael Duffie | Jim Caudill |
| Oct. 9 | Robert Stigall | Connie Stewart |
| Oct. 16 | Ron Samms | Dan Baker |
| Oct. 23 | Katy Smith | Gil Heasley |
| Oct. 30 | Jim Caudill | Deb Copeland-Lucci |

Kids For Christ

2011 Kids for Christ Volunteers

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| 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!

October 3 years - 1st grade

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| Oct. 2 | Jeff and Gina Rohal |
| Oct. 9 | Craig and Michelle Haddox |
| Oct. 16 | Reuben and Rebecca Gillespie |
| Oct. 23 | Ed and Lesa Eskew |
| Oct. 30 | Ryan and Candice Anderson |

October 2nd -5th grade

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| Oct. 2 | Craig and Michelle Haddox |
| Oct. 9 | Craig and Michelle Haddox |
| Oct. 16 | Adam & Sara Alley |
| Oct. 23 | Teddi Smith and Rhett Bowen |
| Oct. 30 | Adam & Sara Alley |



Hey everyone! Hope school has gotten off to a great start this year. We have a few exciting things coming up this month. First, we will be having a campfire/cookout/hayride hosted by the Fraizers on October 23rd! Also, at the end of October we will be going to the Judgement House. Check out our youth board in the narthex to keep up to date. We have begun meeting on Sunday evenings in the gym and youth room (201) from 6-7:30 pm for praise and worship, food, games, and bible studies/lessons. We hope and pray that through these youth meetings and events we can grow closer to the teens in our community as a church and ultimately for each of us to grow closer to our Savior and King. Please be in prayer for our youth and for the parents of our youth. Also, please encourage any youth grades 6-12 and/or parents of youth to be involved in this ministry.

Thank you and God bless,
Ryan and Candice Anderson

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THIS MONTH

| <u>DATE</u> | <u>START</u> | <u>POSITIONS</u> |
|-------------------|-----------------|--|
| October 2 | 8:30 am | Ushers -----Mike & B.A. Miskowiec |
| | 11:00 am | Ushers -----Donna Stover, Cathie Brown, -----Barney & Jackie Frazier, and Ann Davis |
| October 9 | 8:30 am | Ushers ----- Bobbie Keller and Sara Riffe |
| | 11:00 am | Ushers --- Kathy and Elizabeth Cartmill and Ann Davis |
| October 16 | 8:30 am | Ushers -----Dean & Karen Silkwood |
| | 11:00 am | Ushers ----- Kent & Tami Reed and Ann Davis |
| October 23 | 8:30 am | Ushers ----- Rebecca & Austin Wilson |
| | 11:00 am | Ushers ----- Denise and Grace Heflin-Peyton -----and Ann Davis |
| October 30 | 8:30 am | Ushers ----- Frankie Canada and Bonnie Dworsky |
| | 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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| Oct. 2 | Jerome Hairston | Ryan Anderson |
| Oct. 9 | Robert White | Tina McPhail |
| Oct. 16 | Mary Collins | Candice Anderson |
| Oct. 23 | Katy Smith | Mary Jo Nichols |
| Oct. 30 | Beth Hall | Roy Smith |

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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