

# Morris Memorial



Dear Sisters and Brothers,

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

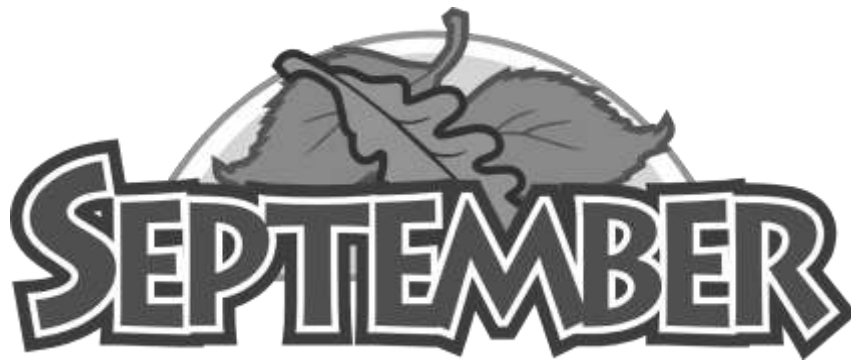
In John 6:59-69 Jesus has a discussion about the difficulty in following him. “I Never Promised You a Rose Garden,” was the title of a popular song several years ago and has probably become the title of numerous sermons.



Jesus never promised his disciples – or any of us for that matter – that life would always reflect the beauty and peace of a rose garden. Instead, he reminds us that human life brings unpleasant decisions, sacrifices to be made, and commitments that are hard to meet.

In some ways, to understand Christ and to fully accept our calling as Christians, we sometimes must be in conflict with situations, lifestyles, and human conditions that challenge our faith. Christians proclaiming peace find themselves having to engage in combat against the ills of humanity. That may seem inconsistent with a calling to be peacemakers; however, if we really want to understand Jesus, we must accept the fact that every Christian is called to go forth as a warrior equipped not with weapons of death, but with arms of hope and eternal life. We will meet opponents, those who are centered only on personal gain and self-satisfaction. However, if we continually rely upon Christ with faith and find inner strength and power from him, we will find the strength to meet and overcome every negative situation we might face.

Grace and Peace,  
*Pastor Rick*



Larry White	September 1	Barbara Skull	September 12
Ruth Lancaster	September 1	Joyce Johnson	September 12
John Jacobs	September 2	Melvin Lancaster	September 12
Sheila Wade	September 3	Grant Moore	September 13
Debbie Johnson	September 4	Ron Cole	September 15
Chad Dobbins	September 5	Jenna Kirk	September 16
Bob Kendall	September 5	Carolyn Gibson	September 18
Adam Alley	September 6	Judy Neal	September 19
Reva Kincaid	September 7	Janet Armstead	September 21
Bob Leadbetter	September 7	Oral Sisson	September 25
Morgan Holtsclaw	September 7	Kay Brooks	September 26
Gus Howard	September 8	Johnna Jacobs	September 26
Jim Kautz	September 8	Lynn Thompson	September 26
Donna Jacobs	September 10	Susie DeQuasie	September 27
Connie Stewart	September 10	Becky McCord	September 28
Lois Sisson	September 11		



Rick & Barbara Adkins	September 9	Howard & Maxine Boyd	September 22
Dee & Ernie Borgel	September 10	Chris & Terry Terpening	September 24
Barbara & John Skull	September 16	Debby & Mike Sokolosky	September 25
Gretta & Jerome Hairston	September 18	Deborah & Joe Burdett	September 27
Cathy & Randy Dobbins	September 19	Betty & Earl Patrick	September 29

*Think About It....*

*People are more likely to ask God for something  
than to thank Him for what they have.*

**United Methodist Women**

After a two month summer break, the UM Women will resume their monthly meetings on Tuesday, September 13<sup>th</sup> at 12:30 p.m. in the Church Conference Room. I hope everyone had a wonderful summer.

One of our main items of business will be the upcoming Flea Market scheduled for Saturday, October 22<sup>nd</sup> from 8:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. Since the Church debt has now been paid off, the proceeds from the sale will be used for other mission projects. Velma High is in charge of renting tables for the event. A fee of \$15.00 per table will be charged and must be paid to the UMW by October 8<sup>th</sup> to confirm your reservation. At last count, she had requests for 23 tables so if you're interested in one for yourself, give her a call at 304-925-2971 before they are all taken.

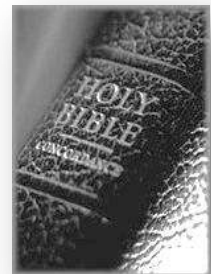
The UMW is such a wonderful opportunity to meet new Christian friends and fellowship with old Church friends. If you've never attended one of our meetings, let me encourage you to do so. It's also a great way to be a part of God's work through the many projects they support. If you have already been a part of our group, I'm sure you're looking forward to the meetings resuming again.

Hope to see you on September 13<sup>th</sup>! Carolyn Ballard is scheduled to have the program and Thelma Wandling and Lois Sisson have volunteered to provide refreshments. Please mark your calendars to be there!

*Sally Monk, UMW President*

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*If you are interested in joining our upcoming Disciple 1 class,  
please sign up on the sheet  
located in the Narthex by Sept. 11<sup>th</sup>.  
There will be an orientation meeting on  
Sunday, Sept. 18<sup>th</sup> at 12:45 p.m.  
Feel free to contact Sharon Martin,  
who will be teaching the class, at 545-2895 with any questions.*



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*Please join the Christian Education Team for their  
Used Book Sale on Sunday, September 11<sup>th</sup>  
after the 11:00 a.m. service.  
All proceeds will go toward our Library Fund.*

**COMMON GROUNDS NEWS AND NEEDS**

Our church's Vacation Bible School this year asked the children in attendance to donate food for hungry children for Common Grounds, our Kanawha City outreach mission. The Vacation Bible Schoolers (and their families) were very generous, giving Common Grounds a real boost in food supplies at a time when we are serving more families than ever. A wholehearted thanks to all who participated!

The week after VBS, we welcomed two delightful young volunteers from our church---the beautiful Alley girls!! Both Kathryn and Emma arrived eager to learn about Common Grounds and to volunteer to help us....and help us they

did!!! Wow!! They were obviously excited about being there!

They learned about the mission, helped us unload the donations from Vacation Bible School (mainly boxed cereals, macaroni and cheese, and peanut butter) as well as the food our church members had donated on Sunday July 24. They helped by weighing the food (a total of 248 pounds), checked each one for expiration dates, and placed the items on the storage shelves.

Once that was completed, they made up three food boxes---one for a small-sized family (1-2 persons), one for a medium-sized

family (3-4 persons), and one for a large-sized family (5-6 persons). (We add additional food to the large box if the family is larger.) The girls also unloaded empty boxes from a car to be used for distributing food. They didn't stop until the work was complete...a busy day for all as we served 34 needy families. What a true blessing they were for us volunteers as they were great little workers! Even more importantly, they seemed to grasp the joy of serving those less fortunate. Come back girls---we loved having you!! (Thank you, too, Sara (Mother) and baby Julianna.) You all were such a joy to have!!



Thanks to all of you who have been sharing with our needy neighbors. Your donations are invaluable, whether they be 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 SPAGHETTI SAUCE, CANNED TUNA, AND/OR BARS OF HAND SOAP? We'd be so appreciative! God bless you all!



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.



On Sunday, September 25<sup>th</sup> we will have our normal 8:30 a.m. service and Sunday School at 9:45 a.m. **Afterwards, please join us for a service at 11:15 a.m. at Coonskin Park.** We will begin our Church Picnic immediately following that service. The service and picnic will be held at Gorman Shelter and everyone is welcome!!

The Lifetime Connections team will be providing the meat and drinks. If your last name begins with the letters A-M please bring a side dish to share with the congregation. If your last name begins with the letters N-Z please bring a dessert to share!

*Congratulations to Tony & Kim Hess on the birth of their son, Ethan Alexander Hess! Ethan was born on August 13<sup>th</sup>, weighed 7 lbs., 10 oz. and was 19 ¾ inches long.*

*Congratulations to proud grandparents Butch & Wanda Hymes on the birth of their granddaughter, Carson Elizabeth Abraham! Carson was born on July 27<sup>th</sup>, weighed 7 lbs. 13 oz. and was 19 inches long. Proud parents are Suzanne and John Abraham and Carson's big brother is JR.*



Thank you does not tell you how much I appreciate all of your prayers, calls and food while I was in the hospital and recuperating. To my Church Family - I will say "Thank you, thank you, thank you!"

*I can do all things through CHRIST who strengthens me. Philippians 4:13*  
Sandy Myers

**Heartfelt Thanks**





	<u>July 31</u>	<u>Aug. 7</u>	<u>Aug. 14</u>	<u>Aug. 21</u>	<u>Aug. 28</u>
Sunday School	58	71	54	83	68
Morning Worship	268	240	208	264	240

**GENERAL BUDGET**

Needed year to date to meet 2011 Faith Giving Goal	\$ 321,364.05
Received through Aug. 28 for 2011 Faith Giving Goal	\$ <u>314,476.62</u>
<b>Ahead (Behind) Faith Giving Goal requirements for 2011</b>	<b>\$ (6,887.43)</b>

**You've Got Mail!**

**Have you ever wanted to email the staff at MMUMC and MEC? We now you can! Listed below are the email addresses for our staff - if you need them now you can just send them some mail!**

Pastor Rick:	rdequasie@morrismemorial.org
Erin Borchers:	eborchers@morrismemorial.org
David Leake:	dleak@morrismemorial.org
Kathy White:	kwhite@morrismemorial.org
Larry White:	lwhite@morrismemorial.org
Candice & Ryan Anderson:	anderson@morrismemorial.org
Georgeanne Leake:	gleak@morrismemorial.org

**SUNDAY SCHOOL PROMOTIONS**

The children of Morris will be starting school and are ready to be promoted to the next level. We are fortunate to have the ability to help mold the spiritual lives of our children; attending Sunday School is one way that we can do this. MMUMC has had a long and established adult Sunday School and now we want to make our younger classes follow in the same suite. They were promoted in their classes on Sunday, August 21, with a church recognition to follow soon.



*Adult Chancel Choir*



The Adult Chancel Choir will begin on September 7<sup>th</sup> with a covered dish dinner at 6:30 p.m. and practice immediately following. If you are new to the Morris community or you have been here a while and you like to sing and enjoy having a great time, then please come and join us. If you have any questions call or e-mail Larry White. Home phone- 949-3511 and e-mail: [lwhite51@suddenlink.net](mailto:lwhite51@suddenlink.net)

## KidsPraise Choir



Hey everybody! We're getting ready for another exciting year of KidsPraise. KidsPraise is for children 3 years - 5<sup>th</sup> grade. This year we are expanding our time together. We will meet on Wednesday evenings, beginning September 14<sup>th</sup>, from 6:00 - 7:30 pm. We will incorporate bible stories, crafts, games and lots of upbeat music. Wouldn't it be great to see all of our children participate this year? If you have any questions, please call Kathy at 304-949-3511. See you there!

## *Parker Bell Choir*

Anyone interested in the Parker Bell Choir is invited to join us Wednesday evening, September 21<sup>st</sup> at 5:30 p.m. We look forward to another year of ringing God's praise. If you have any questions, please call Kathy White at 949-3511 or email at [kwhite56@suddenlink.net](mailto:kwhite56@suddenlink.net)



## Micah Choir



**Micah Choir is an all-male choir that sings traditional and inspirational music. All men who enjoy singing are invited to join the Micah Choir for practice on Wednesday, September 21 at 6:30 p.m. The choir will practice once a month and will perform during Sunday services every other month. If you have any questions please contact Larry White.**

## Kids For Christ

**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!**

<b>September 3 years - 1<sup>st</sup> grade</b>	
<b>Sept. 4</b>	Labor Day – no program
<b>Sept. 11</b>	Jeff & Gina Rohal
<b>Sept. 18</b>	Craig & Michelle Haddox
<b>Sept. 25</b>	Church Picnic – no program
<b>September 2<sup>nd</sup> -5<sup>th</sup> grade</b>	
<b>Sept. 4</b>	Labor Day – no program
<b>Sept. 11</b>	Teddi Smith and Rhett Bowen
<b>Sept. 18</b>	Adam & Sara Alley
<b>Sept. 25</b>	Church Picnic – no program

**Reporters Needed!!!**



Have you always wanted to be a reporter? To keep everyone informed as to what is going on in our church and on the teams? The only thing needed is the willingness to work to spread God's love to our community!! Morris is in the process of updating our web site with help needed in the area of information gathering. If you are interested please let us know by leaving word in the church office. Look forward to all of us working together to spread the love of God.

**Prayer Partner Schedule**

<b>Sept. 4</b>	<b>8:30 a.m.</b> Mike Duffie	<b>11:00 a.m.</b> Tim Basford
<b>Sept. 11</b>	Nancy Cole	Marie Cole
<b>Sept. 18</b>	Robert Stigall	Ann Kautz
<b>Sept. 25</b>	Katy Smith	Jim Caudill

**USHERS**  
THIS MONTH

<u>DATE</u>	<u>START</u>	<u>POSITIONS</u>
<b>September 4</b>	<b>8:30 am</b>	Ushers -----Gael & Doris Morris
	<b>11:00 am</b>	Ushers -----Cathie Brown, Donna Stover -----Barney & Jackie Frazier, and Ann Davis
<b>September 11</b>	<b>8:30 am</b>	Ushers ----- Jerry & Mary Townson
	<b>11:00 am</b>	Ushers -----Kent & Tami Reed and Ann Davis
<b>September 18</b>	<b>8:30 am</b>	Ushers ----- Bill & Mary Collins
	<b>11:00 am</b>	Ushers -----Mickie Bowles, Kathy Legg and Ann Davis
<b>September 25</b>	<b>8:30 am</b>	Ushers -----Butch & Wanda Hymes
	<b>11:00 am</b>	Ushers ----- Georgeanne Leake, Deloris Skiles -----and Ann Davis

**Liturgist Schedule**

	<b>8:30 a.m.</b>	<b>11:00 a.m.</b>
<b>Sept. 4</b>	Gretta Hairston	Jim Caudill
<b>Sept. 11</b>	Robert White	Georgeanne Leake
<b>Sept. 18</b>	Bob Wade	Peggy Barker
<b>Sept. 25</b>	Rebecca Wilson	Adam Alley

**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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