

# Morris Memorial



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MORRIS MEMORIAL UM CHURCH

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## COMMON GROUNDS NEWS AND NEEDS

Fall is upon us and at Common Grounds we're looking forward to the upcoming holidays. During the entire month of October, in addition to our usual volunteer work, we sign up families for our Thanksgiving boxes. We limit sign-ups to this month so we can determine how many boxes we will need to provide. During early November, we collect the needed boxes; we also gather and order the needed food for each box. The families which sign up for a Thanksgiving box will receive a complete Thanksgiving meal, including a turkey, gravy, stuffing mix, green beans, cranberry sauce, sweet potatoes, baking potatoes, dinner rolls, butter, and a pumpkin pie. We have you to thank for all your donations to these boxes. The Thanksgiving Food Collection we have in our church four Sundays prior to Thanksgiving comes at such a great time and those foods are used to fill the boxes and ultimately help an underprivileged family in our area have a great Thanksgiving! Isn't it wonderful to be a part of that?!!

In addition we are signing up qualified families for the United Way Christmas Bureau program. These families will receive a Christmas dinner as well as toys and clothes for children ages 12 years and under. It's a joy and privilege to work with the other local agencies to provide for those in need....especially at Christmas!

As we enter the last quarter of the year, it seems like a good time to share a few statistics from Common Grounds operations for the first six months of this year. During this time we served 976 families and 56 of those families are new families. The average monthly income is \$728.83.

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 own neighborhood.....guaranteed! Bless you!

If you would like to help us this month, please consider bringing CANNED SOUP, CANNED FRUIT (IN ITS OWN JUICE) AND/OR BOXED MACARONI AND CHEESE. 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. May God bless you BIG TIME!!

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.



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

Cathy Caudill	October 4	Ed Eskew	October 17
Rick White	October 5	Maxine Bowen	October 18
Dan Short	October 6	Walter Myers	October 18
Debbie LaDoucer	October 8	Jim Caudill	October 21
Bruce Reed	October 9	Carol Caudill	October 22
Mary Wilton	October 10	Steve Caudill	October 22
Heather Sneed	October 11	Bill Collins	October 24
Amanda Eads	October 16	Monica Hatfield	October 26



Ruth and Melvin Lancaster	October 3
Kay & Ron Brooks	October 8
Ann & Jim Kautz	October 8
Donna & Robert Legg	October 19

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*We will have flu shots available on  
October 13<sup>th</sup> after both services.  
Please bring your insurance  
card and meet us in the gym!*





## UPCOMING EVENTS

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.	Praise Band
	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 Choir
	4:00 p.m.	Youth

October 3 – UM Men at 6:00 p.m.

October 8 – Finance at 5:30 p.m.

October 8 – Admin. Board at 7:15 p.m.

October 10 – Knit Wits at 2:00 p.m.

October 10 – Community Dinner at 6:00 p.m.

October 11 – Fellowship at Harding's Restaurant at 6:00 p.m.

October 13 – Flu shots available after both services

October 15 – MEC Board at 6:30 p.m.

October 22 – PPRC at 6:00 p.m.

October 24 – Knit Wits at 2:00 p.m.

October 24 – Community Dinner at 6:00 p.m.

## Morris Enrichment Center

“This is the day the Lord has made and I will be glad in it!” The birds are singing, the sun is shining and we at the Enrichment Center feel so blessed with what God is doing for us. Our after school students and teachers are preparing for a bake sale at the end of September, to raise funds for new equipment. I can smell the cinnamon rolls...wonder if they will let me have just one to try?



If you haven't noticed - our playground fence has been repaired and it has been expanded. Hopefully this will help in less cars hitting the pole! One of the fence poles had loosened and upon checking, it was determined that it was actually coming out of the concrete. Looks good and the children are enjoying the space.

Today as I walked past a classroom, I overheard 3 year-old children reciting the “Pledge Allegiance.” I listened as they told their teacher what the flag stood for. We are going back to older ways of teaching the children and we want them to know about their country, their state and even the “Lord’s Prayer.” We recited that every morning when I was a child. Our students pray before every meal, even at a Mexican restaurant according to one parent! Watching what they do and how much they learn, tells me Morris Memorial made a fantastic decision on beginning the Enrichment Center.

We were privileged to have our District Superintendent recently teach our chapel service. He spoke about love and the students and teachers truly enjoyed his message. He will be returning to speak to the children again soon, so please join us and enjoy his teaching.

Our annual Christmas Program will be on the 19<sup>th</sup> of December, and you as part of the Morris family have a special invitation to attend at 7:00 p.m. Our classes practice long and hard to present a fun night of Christmas cheer!

If you see cans of food in the hallway this month don't worry, we are having a contest to see who can bring the most food for Common Grounds! Whichever class wins will also win a pizza party from Little Caesars (the kids love it!).

Please take a few minutes to stop by for a cup of coffee, a cookie or two, and watch what our students are up to – you don't want to miss it!

*Georgeanne Leake, Director*

### Lector Schedule

	8:30	11:00
Oct. 6	Jeannie Morris	Karen Winter
Oct. 13	Carolyn Ballard	Kitty Epperly
Oct. 20	Mary Collins	Gloriann Caudill
Oct. 27	Robert Stigall	Jim Kautz

## Operation Christmas Child

We have started collecting shoe box items for our packing party in November. We are in need of a great deal of items, such as: School supplies - single subject notebooks, box of 24 crayons, markers, pencil sharpeners, rulers, scissors, pencils, and erasers; Personal items - wash cloths, bar soap, toothbrushes, hair bows, hair ties, combs, and brushes; Toys - jump ropes, yo-yos, small stuffed animals, match box cars and trucks. We are preparing shoe boxes for 50 boys and 50 girls ages 5-9. Your donations are greatly appreciated!



If you are interested in helping with our Children's Moments during our 11:00 service, please contact Erin at the church office. We could always use more volunteers and your assistance is greatly appreciated!

### *Children's Moments Schedule*

	<b>11:00</b>
Oct. 6	Jerome Hairston
Oct. 13	Judy Neal
Oct. 20	Jon Browning
Oct. 27	Sharon Byrd

October 13th is Undies Sunday! Did you know that socks and underwear are two of the most asked for items at homeless shelters and clothing closets? Please help our community by donating new packages of underwear, t-shirts, or socks for men, women and children. You can bring your donations to church on October 13. All donations will be sent to Heart & Hand. Thank you for your help!





# USHERS

THIS MONTH

<u>DATE</u>	<u>START</u>	<u>POSITIONS</u>
Oct. 6	8:30 am	Ushers ----- Sheila & Bob Wade
	11:00 am	Ushers ----- Ann Davis
Oct. 13	8:30 am	Ushers ----- Sue Shafer and Beth Hall
	11:00 am	Ushers ----- Ann Davis
Oct. 20	8:30 am	Ushers ----- Mildred & Ted Bledsoe
	11:00 am	Ushers ----- Ann Davis
Oct. 27	8:30 am	Ushers ----- Susan & Bill Vieweg
	11:00 am	Ushers ----- Ann Davis

## Kids Praise!

Join us on Sundays from 3-4 pm in the sanctuary for Kids Praise!



This musical, theater choir is for ages 3 years and up. We present two Christian musicals each year. Children are learning to worship through song. Biblical truths are made relevant through musical theater. Kids Praise gives children confidence to share their talents for God's Glory. Pre-register online and watch a video about what we do at:

<http://morrismemorial.org/connect.php#childrens-ministries>.  
If you have any questions, please contact Candice Anderson  
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