

## January Calendar

- 1/1  
1:00pm – Private party – Fellowship Hall  
1/7  
5:00pm – IFA Backpacks – Main Entrance  
1/8  
6:30pm – Prayer Shawl Ministry – Lounge  
7:00pm – Trustees Meeting – Library  
1/11  
8:00am – Men’s Bible Study - Lounge  
9:00am – IFA Backpacks – Main Entrance  
1/12  
11:15am – UWF Meeting – Fellowship Hall  
1/13  
7:00pm – Finance Meeting – Library  
1/14  
1:00pm – Methodist Ladies Who Lunch – Non Solo Pasta  
1/18  
9:00am-9:30pm – Private Event – Fellowship Hall  
1/19  
9:00am-3:00pm – Shared Meal Prep – Kitchen  
1/20  
MLK Day – Office and Food Pantry Closed  
7:00pm – Marcia Ruth Circle – Lounge  
1/21  
1:00pm – SPRC Meeting – Room 10  
4:00pm – Shared Meal – Fellowship Hall  
5:00-7:00pm – IFA Backpacks – Main Entrance  
7:30pm – Worship Team Meeting - Library  
1/22  
6:30pm – Prayer Shawl Ministry – Lounge  
1/25  
9:00am – IFA Backpacks – Main Entrance  
9:00-11:00am – IFA Resource Fair – Fellowship Hall  
1/26  
7:00pm – Girl Scout Day Camp Meeting – Rooms 26, 20/31  
1/28  
7:00pm – Church Council Meeting – Room 10

### WEEKLY EVENTS

#### Sundays

- 9:00am – Small Group Bible Study – Youth Room  
10:00am – Worship Service - Sanctuary  
10:00am – Sunday School – Room 10  
11:00am – Hospitality - Lounge  
12:00pm – Latino Ministry Worship Service - Sanctuary  
7:00pm – Alcoholics Anonymous – Fellowship Hall

#### Mondays

- 10:00am – ESL – Rooms 3, 10, Library  
7:00pm – Boy Scouts - Fellowship Hall  
7:00pm – Nar Anon - Room 10  
8:00pm – Narcotics Anonymous - Room 30/31

#### Tuesdays

- 10:00am – Bible Study – Lounge  
6:00pm – Girl Scout Troop 2129 – Room 23, 26, 30/31  
6:30pm – Girl Scout Troop 2692 – Room 21  
6:30pm – ESL – Rooms 3, 10, Library

#### Wednesdays

- 10:30am – ESL – Rooms 3, 10, Library  
6:00pm – Latino Band Practice - Sanctuary  
6:30pm – Girl Scout Troop 2717 – Room 26

#### Thursdays

- 6:30pm – ESL – Room 10, Library

#### Fridays

- 7:30pm - NA - RM 30/31

# THE MAPLE

January 2025

Morrisville United Methodist Church

Dear Morrisville United Methodist Church,

Happy New Year! As we experience and embrace 2025, I pray that we do so with gratitude for the year past and hope and anticipation for the journey ahead. This past year has been a season of transitions, challenges, and remarkable milestones for our church family. We have witnessed the hand of God at work in multiple areas of our ministry together.

The transition in pastoral leadership brought changes that tested our adaptability and our trust in God’s guidance and grace. Such abrupt transitions are never without their difficulties. I acknowledge the challenge of saying goodbye to Pastor Olga González, who loved and cared for you in her short time with you.

I am grateful for your welcome and adaptability as we adjust to a new way of being church together. As I have conversed with you, it is evident that some effects of the recent conflict still weigh on our community. Yet, we have seen glimpses of God’s grace calling us toward reconciliation while we live into the mission of seeking, sharing, and serving. Let us continue the good work that God has begun in us.

Amidst our challenges, we also have much to celebrate. We closed out 2024 in a state of financial stability. We launched a Spanish worship service and expanded our Latino Ministry efforts, creating a space for more diverse voices to praise our Lord. Expanding our ESL classes has allowed us to serve more of our neighbors, embodying Christ’s call to love and welcome the stranger. Our food, clothing, and benevolence ministries served several hundred persons. These efforts reflect the ethos of our congregation—a community committed to seeking, sharing, and serving Jesus Christ through inclusivity, service, and the Gospel’s transformative power. Thank you, Morrisville UMC. We have seen God do wondrous things in the lives of members of our community.

As we embrace the unknown territory that is 2025, I remind you we will experience new opportunities, maybe even some trials, and indeed some triumphs. Let us hold fast to the words of the prophet we hear in Isaiah 43:19: "See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it? I am making a way in the wilderness and streams in the wasteland." God is indeed doing a new thing among us. May we have eyes to see it, hearts to embrace it, and hands ready to work for His glory. In the coming weeks and months, let us recommit ourselves to deepening our faith, building bridges of understanding, and boldly stepping into the new opportunities God places before us. Let us also continue to celebrate our diversity, cherishing the unique gifts each person brings to this congregation. Together, we will continue to grow as a beacon of hope and love in our community.

May the God of new beginnings bless each of you with God's love, peace, joy, and strength in 2025! Let us walk together in faith, trusting that the One who began a good work in us will complete it.

Grace and peace!

Pastor K

For pastoral concerns or emergencies, Pastor K can be reached at 281-620-9928 (cell) or [emailpastorK@gmail.com](mailto:emailpastorK@gmail.com). Please call the church office if you would like to set up a meeting with him during the week.

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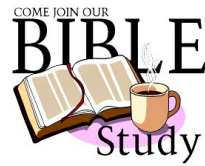
#### FINANCE COMMITTEE UPDATE

Welcome to 2025! Giving Statements for 2024 are on the table in the hallway by the church office. Please go by and pick yours up to avoid us paying postage to mail it. Please contact us through the church office if you have any questions. We thank everyone for your generous giving and look forward to another successful year of worship and mission at Morrisville United Methodist Church. May God continue to bless you in the New Year!

In Christ, Jim Rea  
Finance Chair

#### PRAYER AND BIBLE STUDY TIME!

Starting January 14<sup>th</sup>, we will be studying the book of James in the Bible. Come join us!



The Sunday Adult Small Group meets upstairs in the Youth Room at 9 AM every Sunday Morning. Please join us for fellowship, prayer, and Bible Study.



#### FOOD PANTRY UPDATE

We need all kinds of cereal, rice, beans (cannellini, black, red, pink), type meals, instant coffee (small size) canned peaches or pears, laundry soap (small or medium size), and hand soaps, toothpaste and individually packaged toothbrushes.

Thank you for your continued generosity!  
Deb Price & The Missions Outreach Team

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#### IMPORTANT NOTE FROM THE OFFICE

Bulletin announcements are due by noon on Wednesdays. Please include the date, time(s) and location in the announcement you send in. Thank you!



Our Men's Bible Study meets every second Saturday of the month at 8AM in the MUMC church lounge. The first meeting of the new year is Saturday January 11th. We welcome all men of our congregation and men from other churches. All you need to bring is yourself and your Bible. You can begin your weekend with good fellowship and encouragement from God's Word. Any questions call Dave Miller at 267-614-3836.

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#### SEEKING GREETERS AND USHERS

Looking to serve MUMC on Sundays? We could use your bright smile and handshake as a greeter to welcome members, newcomers and guests. Just arrive about 20 minutes early, smile, and welcome everyone as they enter the sanctuary. Encourage



guests to come again and have them fill out our visitor card so we can get to know them. You can donate your time on a weekly or monthly basis.

Ushers have a few more duties. Arrive about 30 minutes early. If bulletins are not in the narthex, retrieve them from the office to give to worshippers. Check, or turn on the lights, cross, candles, heat or air conditioning. Present the offering and record the number of those in attendance. After the service, scan the pews for papers, etc. left behind so the sanctuary is ready for the next service. Usually ushers volunteer on a monthly basis, but schedules can be more flexible if needed.

If you are interested or have questions about either of these opportunities, please sign the sheet in the hall near Pastor K's office and I will contact you. Thanks for joining us in enhancing the atmosphere at MUMC and helping to make it friendly and welcoming for all who attend.

Carol Young (Usher and Greeter Coordinator)



This year has been a wonderful year with challenges and changes. By trusting in the Lord, it has been amazing! After a year of classes and training, I have already submitted my Certified Lay Minister (CLM) final exam, eager for my graduation next year.

This year we have been able to accomplish many things together with the help of our teams. First, I wanted to say thank you to Deborah Chapman, our ESL Program Teacher/Coordinator, for her love and dedication. I also want to thank the ESL teachers that volunteer each year to make this a successful program where people from many different countries come to learn our language.

I also want to thank our Church Council, the Trustees, and Roxanne, our office administrator, for working with the Latino Ministries to help make it so successful.

With guidance and support from Pastor Olga and Pastor K, we now have a regular Sunday service in

Spanish every Sunday at 12:00pm. I also thank them and the Latino Commission for their support and guidance so that I can continue my education.

Thank you to Ministers David and Katia Rojas for their love and dedication in working together for the growth of the Latino Ministry.

To the members that with their donations make it possible that this program reaches over 40 families on Thanksgiving and over 100 children with toys for Christmas. Thank you! With your love and dedication, the Latino Ministry has flourished.

Most of all I want to thank Morrisville UMC members for the blessing of being here for the last four years. It has been a beautiful blessing for me and my family to be a part of such a loving and giving congregation. Most of all, I thank my husband and children for their support. They know I love God and what I do.

Beditza Cadillo

Director of Latino Ministry

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#### CALLING ALL CHILDREN HELPERS!

We have a new sign-up sheet at Sign Up Central. The Children's sermon has become an important part of our church service. We need people to teach a 3-5 minute lesson on the sermon of the day for the children. You DO NOT need your clearances for this! To do this, contact Roxanne in the church office for the sermon scripture, then explain in children's terms what the scripture is about. It is that easy! Please sign up in November and beyond for whichever Sunday suits you. We know the children love this time and they feel more a part of the church congregation because of you!



Teachers, John K. & Joyce B., are sharing the older SS class. We also need another adult present (with their clearances) to fulfill our safe sanctuary policy. Please consider getting cleared and signing up for that also. The more people are involved, the more each one of us can rotate & be present in the church service during the Pastor's sermon.

Thank you for continued support of this vital MUMC ministry.

Enjoy, The Education Team

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United Women in Faith

JANUARY MEETINGS SCHEDULE

JANUARY 12th (Sunday)
UWF GENERAL MEETING
11:00 A.M. After church– Fellowship Hall

All women and girls are welcome! Lunch will be served and Deborah Chapman is doing a program about the English as a Second Language classes.

Wednesday, January 15, 2025

METHODIST LADIES WHO LUNCH
Luncheon – Non Solo Pasta
900 W Trenton Ave #1
Morrisville, PA 19067
Meet at church 12:30 P.M.
(Contact Deb Chapman with any questions)

Monday, January 20, 2025

7:00 p.m., Church Lounge
Hostess - Linda Mier
Study - Barbara Lombardo

January IFA News

The IFA is very appreciative of the support of Morrisville UMC!



In December the IFA gifted 187 local children with holiday gifts. Thanks to the generosity of MUMC and the 12 other faith communities that make up the IFA, 374 gifts were given. Morrisville provided 30 of those gifts and other faith communities and Facebook friends provided the rest.

IFA community partners contribute to the mission of the IFA in significant ways. The Morrisville Giant food store as well as McCaffrey's grocery store contribute their almost-expired baked goods and other perishables monthly to the Backpack Center. Wawa has given the IFA a generous grant yearly. Snipes Farm

and Education Center contributes fresh produce in season.

In January our targeted donations are white rice, cooking oil and liquid dish soap. Please place your donations in the blue-striped bins outside of the church office.

Thank you for your care for the food-insecure families in our community.

Rhonda Rea
IFA Board Member at Large

GRIEF SHARE MINISTRY – If you are grieving because your loved one(s) has passed away, you may feel like you are alone and isolated. But that does not mean you have to suffer by yourself. We invite you to join the Morrisville United Methodist Church GriefShare support group which will meet every Thursday, starting February 6th and ending May 8th. Our meetings will be held in the church's lounge starting at 6:00pm. If you would like additional information, please contact ElaineJoy Bramante – 302-740-9361. You can also register online by going to GriefShare.org/findagroup.

Blessings,
ElaineJoy Bramante



ALTAR FLOWERS

If you would like to present flowers on the altar for Sunday morning worship, please call/ email the church office or sign-up in the flower book on the table in the hallway providing all the details of who the flowers are in honor/memory of and what occasion you are commemorating. (Cost is \$40)

## Current Prayer Concerns



Pray for God's peace for our nation and the world.  
Pray for the Holy Spirit to help us to continue to grow in the knowledge of God through a relationship with Jesus Christ. Prayers for our new pastor, Rev. Raphael Koikoi, as we continue our journey together.

Prayers for Donna and Richard Dulay, Grace Terry, John Davidson, Tom Miller, Ann Richards, Carol Hughes, Pam Manners, Toby Ellsworth, Jimmy Ellsworth, Thomas Manners, Paul & Marian Chapman, Sue Urbano

Marianne (friend of Joyce Bigley)  
Doug Schlatter and family (friend of Linda Mier)  
Anna Vazquez (friend of Carol Young)  
Roger and Diana Schnider (friends of Merlene Taylor)  
Family of Betty Sullivan  
B.J. Lebergern's family  
Jean Dugan (Susan Friend's sister-in-law)  
Ron White (Phyllis Patterson's nephew)  
David Pugh (Frank Pugh's son)  
Bob (friend of the Swenson's)  
Diane Hughes (sister of Carol Hughes)  
Marion Rea (Jim Rea's mother)  
Jen (friend of Vickie Katona)  
Colton Malone (great-grandson of Susan Friend)  
Ellen (Bev Hoyer's niece)



## Happy Anniversary

Walt & Janet Nagbe .....January 8



## Happy Birthday

Mark Sample .....January 3  
Vaa Thomson.....January 4  
Chile Obbo.....January 5  
KB Makwanna .....January 9  
Zoada Thomson.....January 9  
Pam Manners .....January 12  
Sue Urbano.....January 15  
Brian Decker .....January 18  
Carol Hughes .....January 18  
Rosa Quarterman .....January 20  
Jaime Urban .....January 20  
Jennifer Arruda-Ayling.....January 21  
David Burkhardt .....January 24  
Tom Wisnosky .....January 25  
Margaret Callihan.....January 28  
David Pugh .....January 29  
Yairah Melendez-Ortiz.....January 30  
Lucas Ahne .....January 31



**The Morrisville  
United Methodist Church  
Latino Ministry**

Invites you every Sunday to our  
Worship Service 12:00 pm  
**Seeking, Serving and Sharing  
Jesus Christ!**

**El Ministerio Latino de la  
Iglesia Metodista Unida de Morrisville**

Te invita todos los domingos  
a las 12:00 pm  
a nuestros Servicios de Adoración  
**Siguiendo, Sirviendo y Compartiendo a  
Jesucristo!**