

CHURCH MATTERS

MORRISVILLE COMMUNITY CHURCH

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FB - Morrisville Community Church, PCUSA Church Hours: Mondays and
Wednesdays 9am to noon, Tuesdays and Thursdays 9:00am to 1:30pm

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April 2026



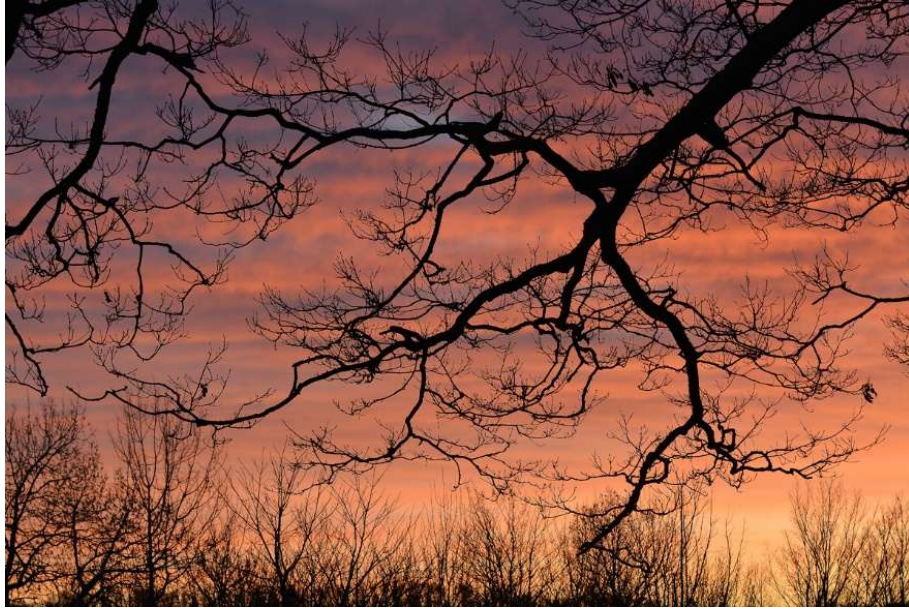


Photo by Nick Hunter

“Easter Sunrise”

Easter Sunrise

It is Easter morning.
We awaken early in anticipation
of this new day.
Dressed in warm clothes,
out to the hillside we go.
In the still, cold dawn we watch.
Slowly the sun rises,
greeting us with a blend of warm colors.
Around us a whisper of a prayer fills the silence:
“One with nature; one with the world;
one together.”
We began to sing,
“Christ the Lord is risen today,
Al---le---lu---ia!”
It is a glorious moment in
a life time of Easter morns.

~Peace~

Maxine Hunter



By Ann Berlew

In a meeting of United Circle, Gladys Charlton led a program on "Christ in the Fine Arts" as shown in the crucifixion. Esther Way played the piano while the group sang "The Old Rugged Cross". Then Gladys read the background story of the song. Esther read the poem, "There Is A Green Hill Far Away", then Flora read the background story. Gladys showed the painting Christ on the Cross and read the history of the painting. She then read the story "Joy Cometh in the Morning". Esther read a small passage, and Flora read a closing poem:

"Christ Rose Upon an April Day"

Sounds like a lovely program, doesn't it?



PROPERTY COMMITTEE Report 3/31/26

Tai Chi “2” will start their second phase of ten week classes on April 13th. An invoice was submitted to Madison County Office for the Aging for Ron’s custonial services (\$50.00) for the first phase.

Two requests for use of the building have been requested for the month of June. Catherine Holbert’s service will be held on June 13th. The service for Pat Parker is set for the 20th of June. Final arrangements for both will be put on usage forms.

Mowing bid letters were mailed out this week to request quotes for this year’s service with return requested by April 13th.

It’s time to be thinking about our many flower beds on the property. Some of them have been adopted by church members. Anyone who is willing and able to help with the rest please contact Sylvia.

Ron has an older model vacuum that is used to clean between the pews. He is looking at prices for a replacement.

With warmer weather coming soon we will be checking the status of the parking lot lights, the ice cables on the roof, and the roof siding replacement. We also will be trying to find a contractor to do the major work from the leaks that occurred January of 2025.

Sylvia McKinnon, Property Manager



March Pantry News for Church Matters

March was another good month for the MCC Food Pantry. Individuals and local organizations continued to generously support the Pantry to allow us to provide for those in need within our community. We are most grateful for continued support from the 4-H Explorers Club, Eaton Democrats, Peterboro Methodist Church and Price Chopper as well as fresh bread items provided by NY Pizzeria. We also received a \$250 donation from members of the Oneida-Madison Electric Cooperative through their voluntary Operation RoundUp program. In addition, the Pantry was recently notified that we were selected to receive a \$3,200 grant from St. Thomas Episcopal Church in Hamilton. The grant will be used to fund a backpack program for elementary children in the Morrisville-Eaton and Stockbridge Valley school systems who are in need of basic school supplies.

March Statistics:

- 30 households visited the pantry consisting of 18 children, 34 adults, and 26 seniors. There were 9 households with children, 21 households without children.
- 1 new household

- 702 meals were provided
- \$693 in monetary donations received
- 494 pounds of food donated
- 236 hygiene items donated
- 54 other items

Pat Stastny, Coordinator
Sarah Steele, Co-Coordinator

Does God Forsake Us?

By: Pathrik L. Olsson

A.K.A. Mr. Bonnie

[Psalm 104:34](#)

May my meditation be pleasing to him, as I rejoice in the LORD.

Have you ever had one of those days where nothing goes right?

A day where it seems that the devil is always between you and success at even the smallest thing...

And you wish Jesus would jump in and save you saying, "Get behind me, Satan!" (Mark 8:33) and stand between you and the cause of all your failures.

But on those days, all you seem to get is Psalm 22:1 "My God, my God, why have You forsaken me? Why are You so far from saving me, so far from my cries of anguish?"

Has God forsaken us? It sure seems like it in the moment?

After all, even Jesus in when He was on the cross in Mark 15:34 cried out "My God, My God, why have You forsaken me?"

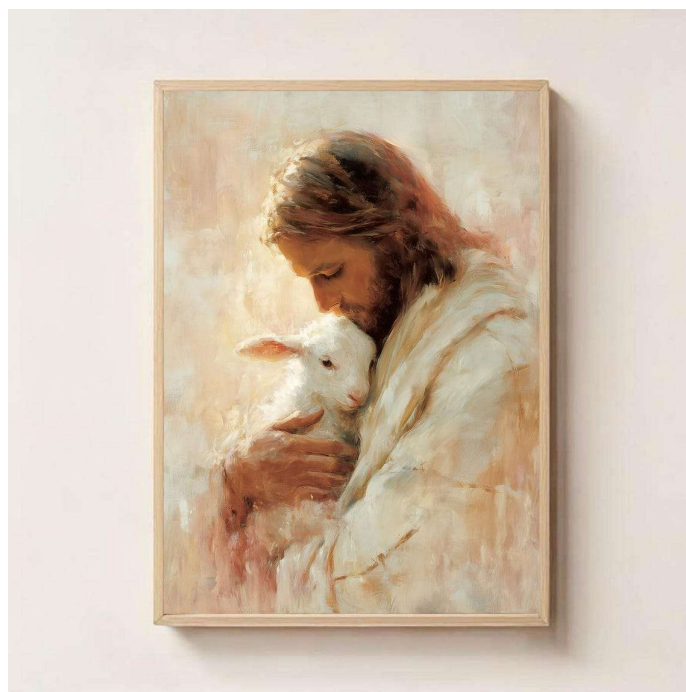
If Jesus can feel forsaken by God, why can't we?

And the answer is that we can feel that way. We are only human and as such are ruled and sometimes overruled by our emotions...

But even in the heat of that moment has God really forsaken us?

Of course, not... here is a better verse for those moments...

Hebrews 13:5 "...God has said, "Never will I leave you; never will I forsake you." Amen





April Checklist



- Weed more frequently as the weather warms
- Continue pruning stone fruit trees as the blossoms fall off
- Plant under grow lights
 - tomatillos
- Transplant cool weather plants outside
 - artichokes (undercover)
 - asparagus
 - cabbages
 - celery
 - kale
 - leeks
 - onions
 - rhubarb seedlings
- Continue planting outside (direct sowing)
 - beets
 - carrots
 - chervil
 - chives
 - coriander
 - parsley
 - lettuces
 - onions
 - parsnips
 - peas
 - strawberries
 - spinach
- Thin spring seedlings as they come up
- Plant root cuttings or divisions outside
 - potatoes
 - onions
 - rhubarb
 - asparagus
 - raspberries
- Harvest
 - asparagus
 - cabbages
 - greens
 - leeks
 - overwintered root vegetables (before they resprout)
- Hill potatoes and beets
- Divide and share or move spring perennials to new locations. Such as: hostas, rhubarb, currants, elderberries, and Russian comfrey
- Begin hardening off summer vegetables (in late April) but beware of frosts
 - basil
 - eggplants
 - marigolds
 - nasturtiums
 - peppers
 - tomatoes
 - zinnias



The Bulletin Board

ANNOUNCEMENTS

April Adult Bible study cancelled due to Elder Pat Olsson's recovery from surgery. Bible study will resume May 10th at 9:30am in the Nursery. Homework: read Genesis Chapters 14 and 15. All are invited.

In an effort to save money, the Newsletter will be emailed to you. Please check that your email address in the directory is correct. If not, or if you don't have one, contact Nancy in the office. The April Newsletter will go out on or about April 1st. Note: If it's not in your Inbox, check to see if it went to Spam.

Session Meeting Monday April 20th 7pm Library

The funeral reception for Catherine Holbert will be held on June 6th at the Morrisville Community Church.

Pulpit Supply

Sunday, April 5th Easter:	Rev. Bill Wilcox	Liturgist: Ellen Davis
Sunday, April 12:	Rev. Bill Wilcox	Liturgist: Maxine Hunter
Sunday, April 19:	Rev. Bill Wilcox	Liturgist: Marlene Miner
Sunday, April 26:	Rev. Bill Wilcox	Liturgist: Ann Berlew

CHURCH OFFICERS

ELDERS

Class of 2025

Maxine Hunter

Class of 2026

Ann Berlew
Tom Leamer, Jr.
Tom Leamer, Sr.

Class of 2027

Ellen Davis
Sylvia McKinnon
Orrin Stevens

Co-Clerks of Session

Ann Berlew
Ellen Davis

DEACONS

Class of 2025

Norma Galbreath
Rachael Armstrong
Susan Leamer

Class of 2026

Ron Brodeur
Bonnie Olsson
Karen Jacobs

Class of 2027

Naydene Ames
Marlene Miner



April Birthdays

Amanda Miller 4/2
Pat Olsson 4/2
Maxine Hunter 4/5
Robin Suarez 4/6

Nick Hunter 4/7
Karen Holbert 4/12
Jacalyn Groves 4/25
Joel Bush 4/30

Happy Anniversary

April Anniversaries

Tom and Jill Leamer 4/3

PRAYER LIST

Linda Kinney, Darwin Allen, Calla Miller, Mary Brown, Nathan Davis, Andy Sikes, Sue Droege, Charlene Bush, Barbara Stanley, Dick Richardson, Lillian Richardson, Shawn Ginney (Norma's nephew), Lois Thurston, Jackie Groves, Dorothy Mulcahey

April 2026 - Calendar of Events

- 2 Food Pantry 10 to noon
- 4 Food Pantry 10 to noon
- 4 Widows Group noon Fellowship Hall
- 5 Easter Sunday
- 6 Deacons 7pm Library
- 7 Needlers 10 to noon Library
- 7 Food Pantry 10 to noon
- 9 Food Pantry
- 12 Adult Bible Study 9:30am Nursery
- 13 Worship Committee 6pm Library
- 13 Property Committee 7pm Fellowship Hall
- 14 Food Pantry 10am to noon
- 14 Needlers 10am to noon Library
- 14 Rebekahs 1 to 3pm Fellowship Hall
- 16 Food Pantry 10am to noon
- 20 Session 7pm Library
- 21 Needlers 10am to noon Library
- 21 Food Pantry 10am to noon
- 22 WIC 9:15am to 3pm Fellowship Hall
- 23 Book Club Library
- 23 Food Pantry 10am to noon
- 24 Food Sense Pick up 2:15 to 2:30pm
- 25 Food Pantry 10am to noon
- 28 Needlers 10am to noon Library
- 28 Food Pantry 10am to noon
- 28 Rebekahs 1-3 pm Fellowship Hall
- 30 Food Pantry 10am to noon

Tai Chi 2 begins Monday April 13th. It will be held in Fellowship Hall on Mondays and Tuesdays from 10 to 11am for ten weeks.

Chapel at Morrisville Community Church is open for your use of prayer and reflection 24-7 everyday, Monday thru Sunday.

Clothes Basket will be open on Thursdays and Saturdays from 10 a.m. - 12 noon, unless otherwise noted.

Food Pantry - will be open every Tuesday morning from 10am to 12 noon, every Thursday morning from 10am to 12 noon, and the 1st Saturday of every month from 10am to 12 noon, unless otherwise noted.



We have an active Facebook page - Morrisville Community Church, PCUSA. There will be regular postings about our church and the events held or hosted there. It is **important** that those of you who have a Facebook page look at our page and **"like" AND "share"**. We need to get the word out there that we are live, active and moving forward. If you have any suggestions for a posting please let us know. Thank you for your support and help.

