



# *Morris First United Methodist Church*

## Upcoming Events:

Feb. 3<sup>rd</sup> – Fire Dept. Breakfast 7-11 am

Feb. 4<sup>th</sup> – Souper Bowl Sunday

Feb. 4<sup>th</sup> – Youth Super Bowl Party

Feb. 5<sup>th</sup> – Bible Study 6 pm

Feb. 10<sup>th</sup> – Children's Choir 2 pm

Feb. 11<sup>th</sup> – Youth 5-7:30 pm

Feb. 12<sup>th</sup> – Bible Study 6 pm

Feb. 13<sup>th</sup> – SASSY's 12:00 pm

Feb. 14<sup>th</sup> – Ash Wed. Service 5:30 pm

Feb. 14<sup>th</sup> – Board Meeting 7 pm

Feb. 17<sup>th</sup> – UMM 8 am

Feb. 18<sup>th</sup> – Youth 5-7:30 pm

Feb. 19<sup>th</sup> – Christ's Cupboard 3-6 pm

Feb. 19<sup>th</sup> – Bible Study 6 pm

Feb. 21<sup>st</sup> – UMW 7 pm

Feb. 24<sup>th</sup> – Early Response Training

Feb. 24<sup>th</sup> – Children's Choir 2 pm

Feb. 25<sup>th</sup> – Chinese New Year Dinner

Feb. 25<sup>th</sup> – Youth 5-7:30 pm

Feb. 26<sup>th</sup> – Bible Study 6 pm

## **SOUPER BOWL SUNDAY**



**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 4<sup>TH</sup>**

**IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE SERVICE**

**PROCEEDS WILL GO TO CHRIST'S CLIPBOARD AND THE  
BACKPACK PROGRAM**



## *From the Pastor's Desk*

Over the past 6 months, I have tried to highlight how involved the members of our church are in ministry with the ministry moments shown during worship. I want to praise the members of this church for their support and service to the mission and ministries of Morris First United Methodist Church. You have been the backbone of ministries that serve people in our church and community and without your volunteerism, we could not provide the services that we do. I spoke with our District Superintendent at my annual meeting with him about how our church members are always willing to serve in our church and in our community; that our greatest strength is your willingness to work to help others through your volunteering in mission and ministry. Thank you!

A few days ago, I met with a few leaders to help cast a vision for this year for our church. We looked at the minutes of the last Vision for the Future and found that not much had changed. The needs that were identified are still the same; jobs, increase in economics, attracting younger people, newcomer welcome, role models, elderly needs, tutoring, intramural/young adult age group activities. We found that our strengths are: friendly, close knit group, participate in community activities/help others around us, parishioners are locally employed, forward thinking, open doors to outside organizations, very accepting of others, high level of use of gifts. Our top 3 strengths are Outreach, Youth/VBS, UMW/UMM.

Then we looked at who we are passionate about reaching and decided that each person has a passion for reaching an area of the population that they would like to see served more faithfully. For instance, I have a heart for children, so I truly want our church to reach out and serve children. I also have a heart for the people who come to Christ's Cupboard and want our church to reach out and serve them spiritually as much as we serve them with physical needs. Who is your group that you are passionate about? Be bold! Step out and reach out! Don't be afraid to suggest something new and work to get it started!

Speaking of new, we have a newly developed children's group that visit Senior Living facilities and sing and talk with the residents. We will be having a game night starting soon. Be in support of these new ministries as your gifts lead you.

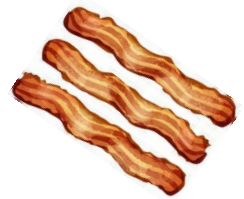
Remember our mission: Sharing the love of Christ by offering resources to persons in our church, community and around the world who are in need.

God bless each of you,

Pastor Tracy



# **Morris Fire Department** **Pancake Breakfast**



For delivery call  
918-759-3037

**Saturday, February 3<sup>rd</sup>**  
**7-11 am**

**All You Can Eat Pancakes, Sausage, and Bacon**

**Adults \$3, Kids 5 & under free**

**All proceeds used to help purchase and upgrade equipment and supplies.**



**Feb. 4<sup>th</sup> – Super Bowl Party**

**Feb. 11<sup>th</sup> – 5-7:30**

**Feb. 18<sup>th</sup> – 5-7:30**

**Feb. 25<sup>th</sup> – 5-7:30**

## **Christ's Cupboard**



The food pantry is in need of canned meat and canned meals this month.



We will also be collecting coats, hats, gloves, etc. to hand out at Christ's Cupboard.

**Ash Wednesday**  
**Service**

February 14<sup>th</sup>  
At 5:30 pm

**ASH**  
**WEDNESDAY**



## 7<sup>TH</sup> – 12<sup>TH</sup> GRADE SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS

We are continuing our lessons about FAITH, this month, focusing on self-controlled, upright, and godly faith.

The unit overview-Three different books of the Bible give us a look at life in New Testament times. In the Book of James, the early church wrestled with what it meant to have faith and how that faith was connected to their behavior, or what it means to have a self-controlled, upright, and godly faith. The Book of Acts investigates the miraculous resurrection of an early disciple. Then, in First Timothy, Paul mentor his young friend Timothy on the path to leadership in the church, and more importantly, eternal life.

Our class also will be taking one outing a month beginning in March. The group will decide where and when we will go on the last Sunday of every month. So 7<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> graders, join us for Sunday School at 10 am! If you ever need a ride to church, please just let Pastor Tracy or another church member know.

## Chinese New Year Dinner



We'll be having our annual Chinese New Year dinner on Sunday, February 25<sup>th</sup> after church. 2018 is the "Year of the dog", so if you were born in 2018, 2006, 1994, 1982, 1970, 1958, 1946, 1934.... (keep subtracting 12), this is your year!

All donations will be going to the Fushun Orphanage which is visited every summer by people in our community, including Shan, involved in GoBeLove, and to the Fengcheng Children's Home pig herd.

So everyone be thinking of a delicious Chinese dish you can bring to share!

## Children's Choir

February 10<sup>th</sup> at 2 pm

& February 24<sup>th</sup> at 2 pm

## Made to Crave Bible Study

Begins Feb. 19<sup>th</sup> @ 6 pm

If interested, contact  
Pastor Tracy

# Prayer Requests



Crystal Nolan	Darlene Walden	Caitlyn Mcosker	Jennifer Roper	Matt Davis
Bill Lee	Mike Bergevin	Charlotte Johnson	Mike Vaughn	Joyce McDowell
Lamont Mace	Ray & Judy King	Rhonda Stephenson	Jimmy Carr	Sammy Bailey
Bob Crandall	Melba West	Rebecca	Adalyn Zink	Patsy Zink
Harvey Grundman	Betty Hiberd	Ramona Willis	John Admire family	Frank Willett family
Roger Edmonson family	Singrays	Backpack Program	Christ's Cupboard	

February 2018						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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					Mick Clark	Fire Dept. Pancake Brkfst. 7-11 am
Souper Bowl Sunday 4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Robert Bergevin	Hollywood Jesus Bible Study 6pm	SASSY'S		Bob Crandall		Children's Choir 2 pm
Boy Scout Sunday 11	12	13	Ash Wed. Service 14	15	16	17
Youth - 5-7:30	Hollywood Jesus Bible Study 6pm		Roger & Sherry King	Donna Haggard		Erica Workman Roger King
Youth 5-7:30 18	19	20	21	22	23	24
Harvey Grundman	Bible Study 6pm	Ray King	UMW 7pm Larry Barnes JoAnn Holland Jerry Zink			Children's Choir 2pm Jace Clark
Chinese New Year Dinner 25	26	27	28			
Caden Richter	Bible Study 6pm		Bill Golden III Roy King			