



The SPIRE

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The CHO-sen Words:

Greetings! Valentine's Day falls in this month. February is considered one of the coldest months of the year, and it is good to think about Valentine – which means love. It reminds me of a funny story about Emma.

One morning Emma woke up with a start. Her husband Jim asked what was the matter, she told him, "I just had a dream that you gave me a pearl necklace for Valentine's Day. What do you think it means?" "You'll know tonight," Jim said.

That evening, Jim came home with a small package and gave it to his wife. Delighted, Emma opened it - only to find a book entitled "The meaning of dreams."

Love to me is a verb. It is much more than exploring the meaning of love and having a discussion about love. It calls us to act. That's why we often say "Love In Action."

Jesus showed his love in action by giving up his life on the cross.

His disciples followed the example of Jesus, and they, too, gave up their lives for the cause of the Gospel.

Many Christians since then gave their lives away, too.

And today, I'd like to suggest that we, as the body of Christ, can demonstrate our "Love in Action" in many meaningful, powerful and life-changing ways.

We can love by serving the needs of our community, especially those who are the least and the last among us.

We can love by making our church a truly welcoming and hospitable place for new people who step into our church building for spiritual connection, friendship and renewal.

We can love by being fully present for those who need someone to listen to them and encourage them.

We can love by treating others with gentleness and kindness rather than harsh words and judgment.

And we can love by speaking for justice, reconciliation and peace in our society.

I am sure you can come up with more things to add.

During this month, let us remember that love is a verb and let "our love in action" reflect God's great grace in everything we say and do.

God loves you and so do I.

Faithfully,
Pastor Brandon



February 5, 2017
Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany
Holy Communion
“Never Give Up”
2 Chronicles 15:7;
Isaiah 41:10;
Hebrews 12:1-3
Pastor Brandon preaching

February 12, 2017
Sixth Sunday after the Epiphany
“Unyielding Hope”
Romans 5:2-7;
1 Peter 1:3-6
Pastor Brandon preaching

February 19, 2017
Second Sunday of Lent
“The Ultimate Source”
Proverbs 3:5-6;
1 Corinthians 11:1-2;
Philippians 4:13
Pastor Brandon preaching

February 26, 2017
Transfiguration Sunday
“To the Mountain Top”
Matthew 16:21-23; 17:1-8
Jack Scharf preaching



Nueva Esperanza
Pastor Charles Perez

“Look, there is Jesus; right there, right there,” said John. Okay, I know he did not say it in that manner, but I would imagine it being said like that today in our modern context. Then Andrew, I imagine thought in his head, “I need to go and tell my brother Peter that I have found God!” We could think at times that God is only present in the churches, in those who believe and so forth. From a certain point of view. I used to believe in this, but I have been so so wrong. I realize that the God that lives in us cannot limit itself to the church building and just the body of Christ living their own lives. When we go out there (to the mission field) we bring forth the God that lives in us and our encounter with people allows the God that already lives in them to be noticed. We are called to awaken the God in our community that is already there! John 3:8 says, “The wind blows wherever it pleases. You hear its sound, but you cannot tell where it comes from or where it is going. So it is with everyone born of the Spirit.” God is present in creation, in our communities, but it needs a nudge from the churches. Leonard Sweet said it best, “For God to do something through us, God must be doing something in us. If we are not always evangelizing ourselves, we have no business evangelizing others.”

I have seen God through children who have a love and a passion for soccer in the community of Morristown. I have seen Isaiah 11:6 active and alive which says, “a little child shall lead them.” As children who love soccer are also falling in love with God. I see God next to the train station by Morristown as men waiting to be picked up for work. Our presence (Pastor Brandon and I) calls out to the thirst of God that they so long for. Where I see how the Holy Spirit is not confined by race, language and ethnicity, but where a Hispanic man unconsciously is nudged by the spirit of God who lives in a Korean man. So he gets near him, cheek to cheek, because the God that already lives in this Hispanic man is coming out because of his encounter with a child of God (Brandon Cho). So I recognize the WIND and I ask in Spanish if the man wants prayer and he says, “YES!” All we need is a nudge from the church of Morristown UMC/Nueva Esperanza!



The Youth Group meets to grow spiritually through fellowship, mission, music, and worship. All youth in 6th – 12th grade are welcome . . . bring a friend or two along!

Youth Happenings

FEBRUARY

LOCK-IN AND CHILI PREP (5:00 p.m.)

Sunday, February 4 and 5

CHILI DISTRIBUTION

Sunday, February 5 (After Worship)

ASP MEETING

Sunday, February 12 (12:00 p.m.)

COOKIE BAKE/COLLEGE CARE

Sunday, February 19 (After worship)



Our Prayer Shawl Ministry is a huge success. We have provided countless prayer shawls to folks in need of their comfort for many different reasons. Our members have been very loyal in knitting and/or crocheting many shawls. However, we find ourselves in need of additional hands to keep the supply going. If you have a few spare moments and would like to be a part of this rewarding ministry, please contact Nancy Frantz at 973-398-0231 or Nancy Nutt at 973-476-7726 to offer your help.



Angel Tree Thank You!

United Methodist Church,
Thank you so much for all those wonderful gifts. It truly put a smile on my girls' faces. They loved everything that they got. Please know all your help and thoughtfulness made a difference in their lives. Wishing you all a very Happy New Year!

Love,

Jillien, Juliana, Isabella and Deric

United Methodist Church,

I want to take this opportunity to express my gratitude to the church for the wonderful Christmas presents. I was in shock when Andrew handed me a huge bag full of toys and clothes. Chaz was so happy and excited for all of the gifts he received. Thank you again for this incredible act of kindness and generosity.

Happy Holidays!

Karen Rainey



**Abendmusik Concert
featuring**

The Eric Mintel Jazz Quartet

March 18, 2017 at 7:30 p.m.

This highly regarded ensemble will present the final concert for this season. Please join us for an evening of wonderful music!



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At our January meeting, we approved the follow budget for 2017:

Church operations - \$70,000
Property insurance - \$25,650
Air Group maintenance contract - \$5,750
Other HVAC expenses (based on prior 4 years avg.) - \$8,000
Other repairs & misc. expenses (based on prior 4 years avg.) - \$10,000
Capital projects* - \$60,000
(*bathroom improvements at the parsonage, kitchen and carpet improvements in the apartment, back door replacement)
Total 2017 budget - \$179,400

The first Capital project for 2017 is replacing the back doors to the church. Even though we call them the back doors, they are the most used. These are original doors from after the fire. They have been repaired numerous times over the years, and have gotten to the point where they are no longer secure. Recently, one of the doors actually “fell off” as someone was walking out. Thankfully, no one was hurt. Replacing the doors will happen within the first couple weeks of February. We will keep everyone posted on the status of it. While work is being performed, that entrance will not be able to be used. During that time the Portico door will be the entrance to use. The new doors will look similar to the Portico doors, metal frame, glass on top with a solid panel on the bottom. Window side lights will also be installed.

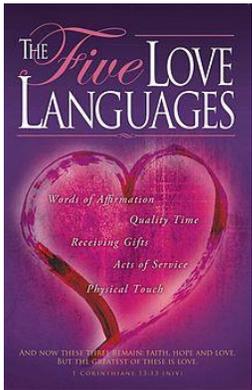
The lights in front of the church needed to be replaced due to several of them being vandalized and one with an underground wiring problem. The new fixtures are LED, and will save on the electric bill. Being located in the center of town in close proximity of many restaurants, sadly vandalism happens. We have spoken to the police about in the past, and continue to keep them aware if things happen.

If you have any questions about our building, please let me or any of the Trustees know. You can reach me via email atcattano@aol.com, phone 973-818-2173, or on Sunday mornings in the Fellowship Hall.

Thank you.
Andrew T. Cattano
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- 1 Jan Leslie
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- 26 Edgar Davis



BRING YOUR VALENTINE TO THE FEBRUARY 11 COUPLES CONNECTION EVENT!

Being in love is a wonderful thing, right? But does it ever seem as though you and your sweetheart are speaking two different languages?

The Couple's Connection invites couples of all stages of their journey – dating, engaged, married without kids, married with wee ones and/or teens, and empty-nesters—to join us as we learn from *New York Times* bestselling author Dr. Gary Chapman's "Five Love Languages." The book is a consistent *New York Times* best seller with over 5 million copies sold and translated into 38 languages!

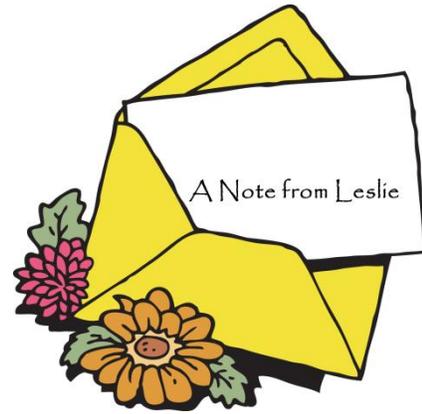
In the six session program, couples will be guided in identifying, understanding and speaking their partner's primary love language—quality time, words of affirmation, gifts, acts of service, or physical touch. By learning the five love languages, you and your sweetie will discover your unique love language and learn practical steps in truly loving each other.

Remaining Program dates are: February 11, March 4, April 1, May 6, and June 3. Each Saturday night session runs from 5-8:00 p.m. with creative childcare being provided 4:45 – 8. p.m. The adult program format calls for a group session from 5-6:30 p.m. after which couples' are encouraged to go on a "date" 6:30-8:00 p.m. (or later if you have no little ones to retrieve from Kids Klub!)

The following rules are recommended for your "Date":

- 1 No talk of work or kids.
- 2 Any conversation that gets heated should be tabled for another time.
- 3 Have fun and enjoy each other.

For more information or to sign-up to participate, contact program facilitators Holly Dinneny at hdinneny@optonline.net or Dina Cioffi at dinasica@msn.com. Attendance at every session is not required. Participants are urged to attend one or all events as each night is self-contained and independently beneficial.



Happy New Year!

Just wanted to touch base.....I have finished all my breast cancer treatments—YAHOO! I want to thank everyone for their support and Love through this journey. I can be taken off the prayer chain.

I wish all a good new year!

Peace,

Leslie Loyek



I want to express my sincere gratitude to all of you for the words of condolence and encouragement, your prayers, cards and the praises sung at Carol's service. Carol and I have been members of this church and sung in the Chancel Choir for over 50 years. To have such an outpouring of expressions of sympathy and sharing of sorrow was very comforting and greatly appreciated. I wish to thank especially those who furnished and served the reception following the service. I'm running out of words; just thank you all for who you are and what you have done.

God Bless You All.

Bob Kennaday



- Nueva Esperanza Worship and Ministry
- Stephen Ministry
- Church Leaders and Ministry Teams
- Our Sunday School and Youth Ministry

Our Church Family and Friends

Family and friends of Carol Kennaday, mourning her death

Norman Nutt, Jr., recovery from hip replacement

Joy Bellush, in re-hab after hip replacement

Hedda, strength and healing

The family of Jerrold Evans, mourning his death

Satterfield family, mourning the loss of their mother

The family of Lloyd Tureson, mourning his death

Mendez family, loss of husband and father, Ozzie

Carolyn, cancer

Diana Marlette, broken hip

Sadie Stiles, depression

Joe Mossey, liver issues

Evelyn Smith, eye issues

Owen, strength and hope during cancer treatments

Maggie, dialysis and chemo

Debbie's mom, successful treatment of cancer

Lea O'Shea, recovery

Adam, successful treatment of colon cancer

Jenny's father, treatment for prostate cancer

James, recovery from stage 4 cancer

Enid, lung cancer

Kristen, new mom, getting chemo

Pfc Abigail Crisp, NJ Army National Guard
Sgt. Randall Ferrara, NJ Army National Guard
Jordan Dale, U.S. Marines
Lt. Karen Kraft McAllister, U.S. Navy, San Diego

On-going Prayer

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| Sonya Burroughs | Jack & Johnna |
| Lou Cattano | Barbara & Jim MacHale |
| Beth & Bruce Courter | Micah |
| Erika Davis | Richie Perdew |
| Bill Earls | Rick Radis |
| Neil Eriksen | Arden Sutton |
| Nancy Gardner | Emma Wyman |
| | Ken Zippler |

Mona's Musings



Carol Kennaday, along with her husband **Bob**, sang in the Chancel Choir here at MUMC for over 50 years. Our choir, as well as the Morris Choral Society, honored her when they sang at her Memorial Service on January 14, 2017. Carol passed away on December 30, 2016. Our thoughts and prayers go out to Bob in his loss. Look for a "thank you" from him on page 5.

We were so pleased to welcome our **June Van Thoen** for several visits to the office recently. She and **Anton** came "home" to spend New Year's Eve with their friends here. Of course, she made time to come by the office and she had a schedule of "lunch dates." I was fortunate enough to snag one of those dates. It was so good to catch up. She's really enjoying her retirement, and I'm happy she's so happy, but I miss her!!!! Anton returned home shortly after the New Year, but June stayed on to attend Jean White's beautiful Memorial Service in which she kept a long-standing promise to sing as only she can. I know it meant a lot to **Jim** and his family—and to her MUMC family, too.



I can't end this column without wishing a belated "Happy Birthday" to my "two Nancys"—**Frantz and Nutt**—my loyal office volunteers who both celebrated their birthdays on January 18th. We threw a "surprise" (private staff joke) party for them and celebrated with chocolate cheese cake. Thank you, my friends—I

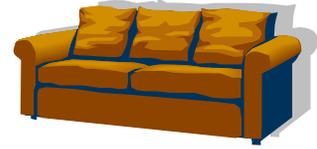


hope you know how very much I appreciate you.
 See you next month!

Mona



Rummage Sale



Saturday March 25th, 2017
9am-2pm

Proceeds benefit youth mission project.

We accept:

Household items, dishes, utensils, appliances, toys, children's furniture, books, holidays, glassware, antiques, office supplies, linens, furniture, electronics, DVD's, CD's, phones, lamps, sports equipment, computers, vases, picture frames, jewelry (please bring jewelry to the office), baskets, tins, tools, pet supplies, TV's (must be flat screen 20in or smaller).

Please make sure that the rummage you donate is in good enough condition to resell. It costs us time and money to throw out things that are damaged or broken.

We reserve the right to refuse any items that are not in good condition.

Please do not donate the following:

Cribs, Car seats, Washers/Dryers/Stoves/Refrigerators, Mattresses, Gas powered equipment, Clothes, Big Screen TV's

Donations accepted January 1st - March 19th 2017.

Please contact Andrew at, mumcrummage@gmail.com before dropping off any large items or if you have any questions. All items are to be placed on the stage **behind** the curtain. **Drop off times are Monday-Friday 9am-5pm or on Sunday mornings 9am-noon.**



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or visit us at www.morristownumc.com for more info.

February 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 6:00pm Wesleyan Choir 7:00pm Jubilation Ringers	2 7:30pm Chancel Choir	3	4 8:30am Emmaus Reunion
5 9:00am Breakfast Club 9:00am Sunday School 9:00am Bible Study 10:15am Worship Service 11:30am Chili distribution 11:45am Asbury Choir 3:30 pm Nueva Esperanza	6 7:30pm--A.A.	7	8 6:00pm Wesleyan Choir 7:00pm Jubilation Ringers	9 6:30pm Yarners 7:30pm Chancel Choir	10	11 8:30am Emmaus Reunion 5:00pm Couples Connection
12 9:00am Breakfast Club 9:00am Sunday School 9:00am Bible Study 10:15am Worship Service 11:35am Asbury Choir 11:45am Bible Study 12:00pm ASP meeting	13 7:30pm--A.A.	14  <i>Valentine's Day</i> 6:15pm Trustees	15 6:00pm Wesleyan Choir 7:00pm Jubilation Ringers	16 7:30pm Chancel Choir	17	18 8:30am Emmaus Reunion
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