



**Pastor's e-Note**

**Morristown United Methodist Church**

**May 2, 2018**

Dear Morristown Church Family and Friends,

Spring is here. We are enjoying warm weather this week. Several spring flowers in the front yard of our parsonage are pleasing to watch as they come to life. This is the season of new birth, new life, new energy and new hope.

I am most delighted that Jack Scharf was honored with the Laity Ministry Recognition Award by GNJAC last Saturday and that we celebrated it during worship on Sunday. I have known Jack for almost 15 years. We have served as coaches for church vitalization programs such as Team Vital and NCD. We have led workshops and training events together. For the last 25 plus years, Jack has been coordinating our church's overall Adult Education Ministry. As a mission-driven lay leader, he has been working to support the Market Street Mission and its residents. He played a key role in igniting the Nueva Esperanza Ministry, and many other new ministries. We thank God for his dedication, ministry and servant-leadership.

May 1<sup>st</sup> was Mona Lindemann's 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary as part of our church office staff. That is a remarkable achievement. She has been a welcoming and hospitable "face of our church" for new people and friends in the community. According to her, Mona has served with seven senior pastors, five associate pastors and four youth pastors, and so many lay persons. She is grateful that she is making a real difference each day as she shares God's love through her work and "people ministry." God bless you, Mona.

This coming Sunday, Sue Puma Vance, one of our dear Lay Servants, will deliver God's message on "Truth about Honesty" based on Acts 5:1-11. You will be inspired by her message. Do all you can to join us for worship and fellowship.

Please keep our youth confirmands in your prayers. On Sunday, May 27<sup>th</sup>, 15-17 youth will be confirmed during worship. On that Sunday, we will also celebrate the 2<sup>nd</sup> anniversary of our Nueva Esperanza Bilingual Ministry. Please mark your calendar and plan to attend this special service.

The Spring season is here. There are signs of new birth and new life all around us. Let us be glad and rejoice for our shared journey of faith. See you soon.

In God's Grace and Peace,

Pastor Brandon