

reformation
sunday



October 26, 2025
Morristown United Methodist Church
MorristownUMC.org



OUR CORE VALUES

AFFIRMING: We welcome each person as they are, a beautiful child of God.

SERVING: We help and advocate for people and our environment, within our church, the community, and beyond.

INSPIRING: We celebrate God's role in our lives, embracing the examples and teachings of Christ, through the inspiration of the Holy Spirit.

CREATING COMMUNITY: We foster joy in our midst and with our neighbors in everything we do.

LOVING: We reflect God's love and love each other, knowing we are loved and forgiven.

PRELUDE

WORDS OF WELCOME & GRACE

CALL TO WORSHIP

On this Reformation Sunday, we gather to remember our heritage of faith that calls us to be continually renewed and reformed.

We come to celebrate the God who is always doing a new thing, calling us to both personal transformation and social holiness.

As we honor those who reformed the church in ages past, let us open our hearts to the ways God is reforming us today.

We open ourselves to God's Spirit, that we might be agents of compassion, justice, and love in our world.

OPENING PRAYER

Gracious God, we give you thanks for the reformers of the past who kindled the flames of renewal in your church. As we gather in your presence, reform our hearts and our minds. Guide us to live out both personal holiness and social holiness, that we may be your hands and feet in a world in need of your love. Amen.

OPENING HYMN #384 Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

PASSING OF THE PEACE

MUSICAL OFFERING *Und Wenn die Welt Voll Teufel Wär*
from Cantata BWV 80: *Ein Feste Burg* (Johann Sebastian Bach)
The English translation can found at Hymn #110, Verse 3

CHILDREN'S TIME

CHILDREN'S COIN COLLECTION Benefitting the Heifer Project

INVITATION TO THE PRAYGROUND (HYMN #191)

Jesus loves me! this I know, for the Bible tells me so.

Little ones to him belong; they are weak, but he is strong.

Yes, Jesus loves me, Yes, Jesus loves me,

Yes, Jesus loves me, the Bible tells me so.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, we confess that we have not always listened for your reforming voice. We have held too tightly to comfort and have been slow to act in compassion. Forgive us when we fail to love our neighbors, when we neglect the call to justice, and when we forget that true holiness embraces both personal faith and social action. Renew us, we pray. Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

SCRIPTURE Isaiah 58:6-12

These are the words of new life for all God's people:

Thanks be to God!

SCRIPTURE Luke 4:16-21

These are the words of new life for all God's people:

Thanks be to God!

SERMON

HYMN #560 Help Us Accept Each Other

MINISTRY MOMENTS

OFFERTORY

DOXOLOGY ☒(Tune: OLD 100TH)

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heavenly host;
Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

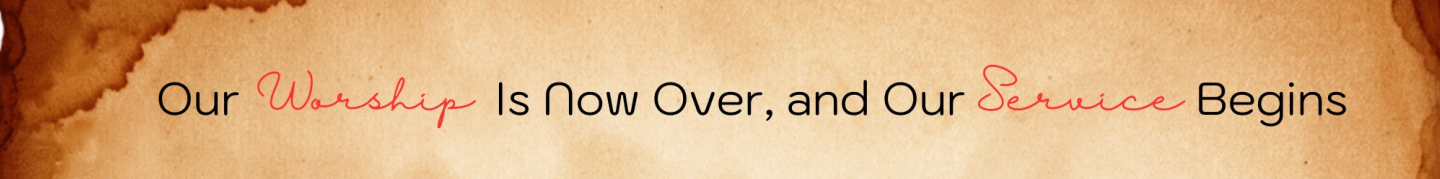
PRAYER OF DEDICATION

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

CLOSING HYMN #110 A Mighty Fortress is Our God

BENEDICTION



Our *Worship* Is Now Over, and Our *Service* Begins



**First Time
Visitor Form**



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**Prayer Request
Form**



Ministry Updates



Altar Flower Form



LEADERSHIP



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Today is Bring a Turkey to Church Sunday

**Not able to bring food donations today? You can still help!
Make a donation using the special offering envelope and we
will shop for you!**



MINISTRY UPDATES

Worship & Safety Update

We have initiated new safety protocols for Sunday Morning. Church doors will close **10 minutes after worship begins**.

♦ **Back parking lot & portico doors:** Access by new code.

♦ **Front red doors:** Locked, but ushers will open for anyone arriving late.

New door codes will be shared **in person after worship today in the Fellowship Hall**. Please see Andrew Cattano.

Thank you for helping us keep our community both welcoming and safe.

College Student Care Packages

We're making Care Packages for College Students - and we need your help! From October 1st - November 15th we're collecting a variety of items to share with our college students. See our full list on our website: bit.ly/mumccollegecare and bring items to Fellowship Hall.

United Women in Faith Book Club

Please join us for October UWF book club meeting on Tuesday, October 28 at 7pm in the Youth Lounge. Kristin Moran will lead the discussion on *Angels in My Hair-The True Story of a Modern-Day Irish Mystic* by Lorna Bryne. This autobiographical book describes the author's encounters with spiritual beings, angels, and God throughout her life. As always you are welcome to attend whether or not you have completed your reading of the book. .

Spaghetti and the Holy Ghost Youth Event for Ages 13-18

Join us for a spaghetti dinner, games, fellowship, and some 'prayer noodles'!

October 26th, 6-8pm, Youth Lounge (3rd Floor)

RSVP at bit.ly/holyghostspaghetti

Morristown Trick or Treat

We will be giving out candy to trick or treaters in Morristown on Halloween. We need donations of bags of candy to give out and people to hand out candy! Bring candy to the church office and let Andrew Cattano know if you can help give out candy!

EarthAware Documentary November 2 @ 11:45am

EarthAware will screen "AMERICAN RIVER" a documentary film that follows Mary Bruno and guide Carl Alderson on a 4-day, 80-mile adventure down the Passaic, from its pristine source in a wildlife refuge to its toxic mouth in Newark Bay. The river's extraordinary history, geology and ecology are revealed as the kayakers navigate challenges, travel through urban landscapes and head towards the industrial disaster that poisoned the Passaic for the past 60 years. Along the way, the filmmakers engage residents, historians and advocates in candid conversations that bring insight, urgency and a sense of wonder to the story. The Passaic is an archetype for thousands of rivers across America facing similar reckonings. From Paradise to Superfund, the film is a unique blend of personal memoir, adventure, history and science. It runs about 90 minutes. Please bring a plant-based meal to share as we watch the movie.

New Adult Sunday School Topic

For most Christians, Mark's Gospel is overshadowed by those of Matthew, Luke, and John. New Testament scholars, however, are endlessly fascinated by Mark, both because it was the earliest Gospel and the primary source for Matthew and Luke, and because it rivals John's Gospel in theological profundity.

Dr. Stephen Moore, Professor of New Testament at Drew Theological School, will argue, indeed, that Mark's is the Gospel most adequate for a fully adult Christian faith. All are welcome - no preparation to participate.

Meets in the Wesley Room at 9:15am Sunday morning

Save the Date!

November 7, 2025, 7pm

Praise and Worship Night

November 14, 15, 16 // 21, 22, 23

Fridays and Saturdays at 8pm, Sundays at 3pm

Steel Magnolias presented by Pioneer Productions (and featuring Pastor Luana as the iconic Clairee!)

This Week at Morristown UMC

Sunday, October 26, 2025

Bring a Turkey to Church Sunday

9:15 AM - 10:15 AM Adult Sunday School, WR

10:30 AM Children's Sunday School, PG

10:30 AM Worship

1:00 PM Pioneer Setbuilding & Rehearsal, Stage

6:00 PM Spaghetti and the Holy Spirit, YL

Monday, October 27, 2025

11:00 AM Staff Meeting, Z

7:00 PM AA, YL

7:00 PM Caregivers

8:00 PM Arise

Tuesday, October 28, 2025

11:00 AM Property Team Meeting, WR

7:00 PM Pioneer Rehearsal, Stage

7:00 PM UWF Book Club, WR

Wednesday, October 29, 2025

7:00 PM Handbells, FH

Thursday, October 30, 2025

6:00 PM Brown Bag Bible Study, WR

7:00 PM Pioneer Rehearsal, Stage

7:00 PM Choir, MR

Friday, October 31, 2025

12:00 PM Private Event Setup

3:00 PM Trick or Treating

Saturday, November 1, 2025

8am-5pm Private Event, Entire Building

Sunday, November 2, 2025

Daylight Savings Ends

9:15 AM Adult Sunday School, WR

10:30 AM Children's Sunday School, PG

10:30 AM Worship

11:30 AM EarthAware Documentary, FH

5:00 PM Pioneer Rehearsal, Stage



**Orders are accepted through
Sunday, November 2.**

The sales flyer is available on our
website at bit.ly/2025uwfgreens.



Place orders by emailing Jean Stubaus
directly; send payment (checks only, made
out to Morristown UMW, with Greens Sale
in the memo line) to the church.