



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

Jesus reveals himself to us through love.

Let us embrace and share God's love!

Jesus' love is manifested, not just in words, but in actions.

Let us emulate Jesus' redemptive love!

Jesus shows his love in community.

Let us give ourselves to others in tangible ways!

Jesus gave his own life as the maximum manifestation of love.

Let us reveal God's nature to the world. Love is the way!

OPENING PRAYER

Almighty God, we have come here to worship you today! And as we worship, we also experience your loving and merciful presence, so that we can in turn show love and mercy to others. Help us to both offer praise to you and to receive your grace, not primarily for ourselves, but for the good of all creation, each of your beloved children, and all those you have called us to love. May this time together plant seeds of kindness and peace that branch out beyond these walls. With excitement, we pray. Amen.

OPENING HYMN #384 Love Divine, All Loves Excelling (Tune: HYFRYDOL)

PASSING OF THE PEACE

MUSICAL OFFERING *God So Loved the World* (John Stainer)

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.

MINISTRY MOMENTS

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of embodied love, we confess that love has too often remained an intention instead of an action.

**We have spoken kind words but withheld our time,
felt compassion but failed to respond,
professed faith but avoided costly discipleship.**

**Forgive us for the times we have loved with our lips
but not with our lives.**

**Move us from sentiment to service,
that our love may look like yours — active, courageous, and real. Amen.**

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

SCRIPTURE 1 John 3:16-18

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

Thanks be to God!

SCRIPTURE John 15:12–13

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

Thanks be to God!

SERMON

HYMN #2223 They'll Know We Are Christians by Our Love

STEWARDSHIP MOMENT – Stu Ashton

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 #369 Blessed Assurance

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

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



LEADERSHIP

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Arnold Kamdem

Sound & Livestream

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Ginny Lyttle, Ryan Terrone

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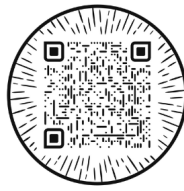
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First Time
Visitor Form



Give Online



Prayer Request
Form



Ministry Updates



Altar Flower Form

SECOND MILE
giving



Today we are collecting a "second mile offering" to support the Interfaith Food Pantry. Please use the special offering envelopes and put Food Pantry in the memo line of your check. These monetary contributions help "Bridge the Snap Gap" by supplementing food drives. You can also make a donation through our website:
<https://bit.ly/MUMCGiveOnline>

This Week at Morristown UMC

Sunday, November 16, 2025

9:15 AM Adult Sunday School, WR
10:30 AM Children's Sunday School, PG
10:30 AM Worship
3:00 PM Steel Magnolias by Pioneer Productions, FH

Monday, November 17, 2025

11:00 AM Staff Meeting, Z
2:00 PM Children on the Green Conferences
6:00 PM Pioneer Tech Rehearsals, FH
7:00 PM AA, YL
8:00 PM Arise

Tuesday, November 18, 2025

11:00 AM Property Team Meeting, WR
2:00 PM Children on the Green Conferences
6:00 PM Pioneer Tech Rehearsals
7:00 PM Church Council, Z

Wednesday, November 19, 2025

11:00 AM Home Garden Club of Morristown, WR
11:00 AM Christmas Singers Rehearsal
2:00 PM Children on the Green Conferences
6:00 PM Pioneer Tech Rehearsals
6:00 PM Creativity and Crumpets (Craft Group), Rm. 32
7:00 PM Parent Connect Group, Z
7:00 PM Handbells, MR

Thursday, November 20, 2025

12:00 PM Organ Tuning
6:00 PM Pioneer Tech Rehearsals
6:00 PM EarthAware Monthly Meeting, Z
7:00 PM Choir, MR

Friday, November 21, 2025

8:00 PM Steel Magnolias by Pioneer Productions, FH

Saturday, November 22, 2025

12:00 PM AA, YL
8:00 PM Steel Magnolias by Pioneer Productions, FH

Sunday, November 23, 2025

Pledge Sunday
9:15 AM Adult Sunday School, WR
10:30 AM Children's Sunday School, PG
10:30 AM Worship



Interfaith Food Pantry

BRIDGE THE SNAP GAP

Add one or two of these items to your regular grocery shopping - bring it to the food pantry cart in the Narthex and we'll all donations to the Interfaith Food Pantry.

- Pasta
- Cereal (low sugar preferred)
- Soups -- all varieties
- Rice
- Tuna, salmon and other canned fish
- Baby Food -- stages 2 and 3



Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

1 Love di - vine, all loves ex - cel - ling, Joy of heav'n, to
 2 Breathe, oh, breathe thy lov - ing Spir - it in - to ev - 'ry
 3 Come, Al - might - y, to de - liv - er; let us all thy
 4 Fin - ish then thy new cre - a - tion, pure and spot - less

earth come down! Fix in us thy hum - ble dwell - ing, all thy
 trou - bled breast; let us all in thee in - her - it; let us
 life re - ceive; sud - den - ly re - turn, and nev - er, nev - er -
 let us be; let us see thy great sal - va - tion per - fect -

faith - ful mer - cies crown. Je - sus, thou art all com - pas - sion,
 find thy prom - ised rest. Take a - way the love of sin - ning;
 more thy tem - ples leave. Thee we would be al - ways bless - ing,
 ly re - stored in thee! Changed from glo - ry in - to glo - ry,

pure, un - bound - ed love thou art; vis - it us with
 Al - pha and O - me - ga be; end of faith, as
 serve thee as thy hosts a - bove, pray, and praise thee
 till in heav'n we take our place, till we cast our

thy sal - va - tion, en - ter ev - 'ry trem - bling heart.
 its be - gin - ning, set our hearts at lib - er - ty.
 with - out ceas - ing, glo - ry in thy per - fect love.
 crowns be - fore thee, lost in won - der, love, and praise!

They'll Know We Are Christians by Our Love 2223

Fm Fm Fm Fm

1. We are one in the Spir- it, we are one in the Lord, we are
 2. We will walk with each oth- er, we will walk hand in hand, we will
 3. We will work with each oth- er, we will work side by side, we will
 4. All praise to the Fa- ther, from whom all things come, and all

Bbm Bbm Fm Fm Bbm

one in the Spir- it, we are one in the Lord, and we pray that all
 walk with each oth- er, we will walk hand in hand, and to - geth - er we'll
 work with each oth- er, we will work side by side, and we'll guard hu- man
 praise to Christ Je - sus, God's on - ly Son and all praise to the

Bbm Fm Fm *Refrain* Db Db

u - ni - ty may one day be re - stored:
 spread the news that God is in our land: And they'll know we are Chris- tians by our
 dig - ni - ty and save hu- man pride:
 Spir - it, who makes us one:

Fm Bbm Fm Bbm Cm Fm Bbm Fm

love, by our love; yes, they'll know we are Chris- tians by our love.



2026 Annual Giving Campaign

We are grateful for your faithful and generous response to the financial needs of our church throughout 2025.

The gifts of your time, talents and financial resources allow us to do the work that we are committed to in our **Mission Statement:**

Together we nurture and inspire God's entire beloved community to serve and transform lives.

funding goal
\$300,000

giving intention goal
95% of regular givers complete a giving intention card for 2026



Our Annual Giving Campaign materials were mailed last week. They include an overview of our income and expenses, as well as a Giving Intention Card to return by November 23, when we will bless the intentions during worship.

To fully fund the ministries of the church in 2026, we need giving commitments (pledges) of \$300,000.

In addition, we have a goal to have 95% of our regular givers return a giving intention card for 2026. Currently, about 25% of our regular givers **do not complete a card**, making it challenging to discern what funds will be available for our operating budget during the year.



GIFT CARD DRIVE FOR *Family Promise*



United Women in Faith

Join United Women in Faith to continue our mission work with Family Promise after our successful Back-to-School Bash partnership in late August.

This time, we are supporting a holiday gift card drive to serve these families in transition.

Family Promise hosts a Holiday Fair in early December where families and individuals they serve are invited into their Central Office in Morris Plains to pick up gift cards that allow them to do their own holiday shopping. This gives families the chance to buy a few things they need and maybe even a gift for their children and loved ones for the holidays. How wonder-filled is that?

Last year, the Holiday Fair supported 55 households, including 118 children and 201 individuals who all were able to choose what worked best for their family's needs.

Gift card donations make this possible, and Walmart gift cards offer the greatest flexibility and are easiest to use.

We will be collecting \$25 Walmart gift cards or donations towards them for the families.

You can bring the gift cards to church in an envelope marked UWF. Or you can bring a check, written out to United Methodist Women, and we will buy the gift cards for you. *Deadline is December 1 so that we have time to deliver the gift cards to Family Promise for their event.*

Thank you for your support!