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Associate Pastor
Rev. Alex Lester-Abdalla



Dear Priesthood of All Believers,

"Sabbaticals are not just for you, they are also for the congregation." This is the advice I heard repeatedly from pastors, presbytery members, and congregants while discerning if and when to take a sabbatical. Having completed my time away, I have come to understand this advice more keenly. Months of planning and conversations went into this decision. And the predominant feeling at the conclusion of the experience is gratitude. Gratitude to the staff and church leadership for supporting the ministries I am responsible for while I was away. Gratitude to the congregation for your prayers and blessings as I left. And gratitude to God whose Spirit renewed and expanded not just my own calling, but also MPC's.

For I have seen much change over this past year through the lens of my sabbatical. It started all the way back in the summer when the Youth Committee asked and answered questions about "who leads Youth Club from week to week" and "How is God calling us to adapt in a changing world for youth?" The Education Committee was also willing to adapt to flip the Confirmation calendar to the fall and celebrate a wonderful class during our Youth Sunday—a change that filled the sanctuary with life and affirmation. These are just two of several examples I saw throughout the year as our church volunteers, staff, and leadership were willing to think creatively and grow as a result of my being away. Combined with the changes from the congregation and session outlined in this report, I have seen a spirit of adaptability and faith in God that is fitting as we welcome Kyle as our new pastor.

It was such a joy to share a little bit about my sabbatical in worship in August and I very much look forward to more opportunities in future *Currents*, classes, and conversations. But as I reenter into the life of MPC, I already see the fruits of this sabbatical in myself, in faith formation and mission at MPC, and in the wider congregation. When we continue to be open to the questions before us, when we are willing to change, and when we are faithful to the One who loves us, we are tapping into this spirit I witnessed this past year. May we go into this new year trusting the growth of the past and all that is possible before us.

Grace and Peace to You,
Alex

Clerk's Report

The composition of the Congregation and the Session as of December 31, 2025:

Race	Congregation	Session
Asian	3	1
African-American	9	0
Hispanic	1	0
Native American	0	0
White	303	14
All Other	0	0
Total	316	15
Age		
25 & Under	12%	0%
26-40	10%	0%
41-55	9%	27%
56-70	28%	60%
Over 70	41%	13%
Sex		
Male	38%	47%
Female	62%	53%

Report to the General Assembly

Membership, January 1, 2025	**308**
Additions	
Adult Profession of Faith, Reaffirmation & Restoration	18
Transfer from Other Churches	0
Confirmation Class	0
Total Additions	18
Losses	
By Death	7
By Transfer to Other Churches	3
Requested Removals	0
Total Losses	10
Membership, December 31, 2025	**316**

Over the past year, three groups took an intentional approach in reviewing significant aspects of ministry at MPC. The reports include the Task Force on Committees, the Financial Fact Finding, and the Trustee Transition. These reports were received by the Session and copies are available through the church office upon request.

Respectfully submitted by Lisa Zazzu, Clerk of Session

Board of Trustees

Over the past year, it has been a joy to witness the way in which the Holy Spirit is moving in and among this congregation through the faithful members discerning how best to stay grounded in the grace of God and to scatter and love this congregation. This was evident in the Trustees who discerned, debated, listened, worked, and volunteered to complete projects and contemplate new directions; in our property manager, Dave Sterling, who faithfully oversaw this large and aging building and property; in the volunteers who showed up on little notice to spruce the church up or to help on Blue Jean Sundays each year; in the Elders who offered to help discern next steps; and in everyone who lends a hand or experience or expertise to keep this place running. On behalf of the Trustees, thank you all for all you do to care for our church home!







After many prayers and stress over the years, the church finally got a new slate roof, as well two flat roofs! It is a gift to be so well protected amidst turbulent changing weather. Fresh carpet now welcomes all who come to Rooms 220 and 208. WNS has new doors and paint on the first floor. The landscaping got some much-needed pruning and removal of large bushes. Our entrance sign has been moved to welcome congregants and visitors alike with bright plantings and a lovely stone wall. The steps leading to the welcome center have also been replaced to improve safety. Thanks especially to Dave Sterling and Roger Anderson for making these projects happen!

In response to concerns of church members and the Mission Study Report, the Trustees also researched and discussed options for longer-term solutions to the cleanliness of the building. Given the high cost that larger-scale cleaning efforts would entail, that effort remains ongoing and transitions now into the hands of Session and its committees, but it remains an important area for our church to address. The Technology & Standards committee under the Trustees also worked hard to address tech concerns, including the transition to Realm and getting church Zoom accounts for the committees to use. Don't forget to sign up for Realm where we have an online church directory, online giving, and more opportunities to connect and communicate with other groups at the church!

Finally, after a recommendation by a task force that studied our committees and officer structure to assess whether they meet the current needs of the congregation, a subset of Trustees and Elders examined what it would mean to eliminate the Board of Trustees and move the work of the Trustees to Session committees, including Finance and Building & Grounds. As part of this effort, the group of Trustees and Elders (affectionately called "Trusters" by one member), contacted similar size congregations locally and out of state and found that none of them have a Board of Trustees. During this research, one common challenge that continuously emerged was confusion over who between Session and Trustees is empowered to act and where accountability lies for decision-making. Another challenge was the need for more streamlined efficiency in communication and decision-making that is hampered by having both Trustees and Session. The "Trusters" thus recommended that MPC move the functions of Trustees to the Session and empower committees to do the work that Trustees have been doing in more focused areas that better fit the skill of those serving on those committees. This way Session can set the policy and direction of the committees and be the ultimate decisionmaker, but committees (with members from the congregation, as well as current Elders and former Trustees), can help execute that vision and respond to the needs of the congregation. The Trustees unanimously voted to adopt this proposal. Session then voted to approve it. On May 24, 2026, the congregation voted to adopt new by-laws that reflect these changes. The report from the "Trusters," as well as the amended by-laws, are available from the church office upon request.

Thank you to all who faithfully researched these options, participated in these discussions, served on the task forces, Trustees, and Session during this process, and prayerfully considered these changes. We remain confident in this congregation and our pastoral leadership as we seek to serve God and steward these gifts which God has given us.









Finance Committee

MPC Financial Summary

Submitted by Paul Clough

	12 Months Ended December 31, 2023	12 Months Ended December 31, 2024
OPERATING REVENUE		
Pledges - Current Year	$459,376	$479,407
Plate	18,147	36,232
Per Capita	3,663	3,746
Seasonal/Special Offerings	8,109	2,987
Deacons Gifts	21,553	34,331
Memorial Gifts	5,291	16,359
Building Rent/Usage	13,673	11,760
Investment Income	133,326	140,790
All Other	18,710	9,900
Total Operating Revenue	681,847	735,513
OPERATING EXPENSES		
Ministry	241,241	227,650
Building and Grounds	171,035	213,150
Admin and Finance	98,885	104,501
Benevolence	75,729	79,420
Child & Family	3,153	735
Communications & Evangelism	27,431	29,131
Congregational Ministries	8,426	975
Educational Ministry	16,000	10,130
Music Ministry	85,469	99,084
Personnel	1,123	0
Stewardship	3,674	3,007
Worship Programs	4,813	5,208
Young Adult Ministry	94	0
Youth Ministry	3,454	33,074
Total Operating Expense	740,528	806,065
OPERATING EXCESS/ (SHORTFALL)	**($58,680)**	**($70,552)**
NON-OPERATING INCOME		
Bequests	2,359	0
Restricted Gifts	75	0
Vanguard Investment Gains/ (Losses)	241,099	355,983
NON-OPERATING EXPENSE		
Major Projects	255,745	20,215
Benevolences on Non-Operating Income	165	0
NET EXCESS/(SHORTFALL)	**($71,056)**	**$265,217**

INVESTMENT FUND DESCRIPTIONS

Endowments - monies in these funds are assets subject to donor-imposed legal restrictions requiring the principal to be maintained PERMANENTLY by the Church. Generally, the donors of these assets permit the Church to use part or all of the income earned on related investments for specific purposes.

1. Partlow Endowment - Hilda Partlow bequeathed MPC $1,236,000 in 2011-14 requiring the original principal amount remain untouched with only earnings on the original gift allowed to be spent. Interest and dividend income is transferred annually to our Unrestricted General Reserve account for use in funding regular operating church activities. Market gains on the Endowment are periodically transferred to the Restricted Partlow fund. If the Partlow Endowment fund balance falls below the original $1.236 MM gift amount, only interest/dividend income related transfers will take place until market gains return the fund to an amount in excess of the original gift. The donor's intent was that the original gift never be touched to ensure MPC would receive investment income on the original gift in perpetuity.
2. Birks Scholarship Endowment - William James Birks was a strong Christian who actively encouraged youth to enter the ministry. Shortly after Birks died in 1968, his mother started donating monies to MPC to fund an endowment in her son's name for use by the church in awarding scholarships to youth interested in entering the ministry. Prior to her death in 1982, she donated a total of $24,346 to the endowment. Earnings from this fund are transferred annually to a restricted Birks scholarship fund, which awards ministerial scholarships to qualified candidates. Decades of market gains continued to accumulate in this endowment fund but in 2022 the cumulative market gains were transferred to the restricted Birks fund so they could also be used to award scholarships. The endowment portion of the Birks monies is solely the $24,346 original cumulative gift.
3. Roberts Scholarship Endowment - Mary Carver Roberts, an MPC member, passed away in 1983. In 1987, her sister, Ella Carver Duke, donated $25,000 to MPC for the creation of a scholarship endowment in her sister's name, the earnings of which are to be used for scholarships to MPC members who are interested in careers in either the ministry or medical fields. These earnings are transferred annually to a restricted Roberts scholarship fund for use in awarding the scholarships. Decades of market gains continued to accumulate in this endowment fund but in 2022 the cumulative market gains were transferred from the endowment fund to the restricted Roberts scholarship fund. The endowment portion of the Roberts monies is solely the $25,000 original gift.
4. Wende Stover Memorial Garden Endowment - in 2021, the Stover family donated $8,500 for the establishment of an endowment fund in the memory of Wende Stover, the earnings of which are to be utilized for the maintenance of Wende's garden. Earnings from this endowment account are transferred annually to the restricted Stover Memorial Garden fund for use in maintaining Wende's garden.

Restricted Funds - monies in these funds are assets subject to donor-imposed restrictions that may or will be met either by actions of the Church or the passage of time. Restricted assets consist primarily of contributions and related investment income which are used for the purposes specified by the terms of the original gift.

1. Partlow Capital Improvement Fund - consists of cumulative market gains from the Partlow Endowment Fund transferred periodically into this fund. Session has designated these monies for use as an MPC Capital Improvement Fund with distributions used to fund Major Capital Projects. Monies in this fund have recently been used to pay for, among many other capital projects, the $168,000 cost of resurfacing the church parking lot and the $150,000 cost of plumbing repairs & asbestos remediation in the Education wing, furnace replacement and bathroom renovations.
2. Counseling Fund - during 1971-72 MPC received $20,000 from the Schreve Foundation for use in providing counseling services to the MV community. However, little of these monies were actually ever dispensed. Over time, the fund grew substantially due to stock market gains. Although incorrectly classified as endowment monies for the last 15-20 years, after much research it was determined that these monies were never endowment. So in June 2022 Session approved a recommendation to re-classify this fund from Endowment to Restricted. Although historical records were not restated, starting in 2022 this fund has been classified as Restricted.
3. Women's Retreat - memorial gift in the name of Dot Scheidemantel, for use in partially funding Women's Retreats at approximately $6,000/yr.
4. Pastor Housing Fund - these monies were generated via the sale of MPC manses and were designated by Session for use in assisting new incoming pastors with housing assistance (loans) during their time at MPC. In 2023, based on recommendations from the Financial Taskforce, Session voted to reclassify these monies to Unrestricted.
5. Memorial Garden Upgrade Project - gifts received for the upgrade of the Memorial Garden to be started in 2024.
6. Donation for Pastor Discretion - 2021 gift to MPC; to be used at the discretion of the Sr. Pastor.
7. Donation for Music Director Discretion - Gift to MPC in 2021 for use by the Music Director to fund special music or musical events.
8. Holiday Memorial Music Fund - monies to subsidize the music program sourced from Christmas and Easter memorial gifts.
9. Older Adult Ministry - Memorials monies given in remembrance of a deceased MPC member for use in Older Adult Ministry. All memorial monies were merged into main MPC accounts in 2023.
10. Medical Equipment - Memorials monies given in remembrance of a deceased MPC member for use in purchasing medical equipment. All memorials monies were merged into main MPC accounts in 2023.
11. Garden Care - for use in maintaining MPC memorial gardens.

12. Wende Stover Memorial Garden - income from the Stover Endowment above to be used to maintain Wende's Garden (at the base of the stairway leading from the education wing to the parking lot). In absence of a need to fund the upkeep of the Garden, annual interest can be provided to the MPC Food Center.
13. Children and Youth Bible and Crosses - originally for use in purchasing children and youth bibles, crosses for new confirmands and/or other Christian Education purchases. In 2023, based on recommendations from the Financial Taskforce, Session voted to allow these monies to also be used fund other Youth Education expenses.
14. Youth-In-Mission - monies for use in the annual YIM trip or programs.
15. Youth Club - Monies for Youth Club activities.
16. Birks Scholarship Fund - these monies are from the earnings of the Birks Endowment Fund (see above) and are to be used for scholarships to youth interested in pursuing careers in the ministry. Available to men and women. MPC membership is not a requirement.
17. Roberts Scholarship Fund - as noted above, these monies are from the earnings of the Roberts Endowment Fund (see above) and are to be used for scholarships to MPC members interested in pursuing careers in either the ministry or medical fields.
18. Patti Jane Reeves Scholarship - memorial gift received in 2010 for scholarships to MPC members exhibiting academic excellence, community service and commitment to (including participation in) the life of MPC. Scholarship awards are generally the greater of $500/yr or 5% of the fund corpus.
19. McClanen Scholarship - funded from earnings sent to MPC quarterly from a $25K memorial endowment fund created by Robert McClanen in 2003 and held in trust by the Presbyterian Foundation. Endowment earnings to be used for scholarships to need based students who are children of MPC members. The scholarships are in memory of Edmund and Kathryn McClanen, Robert's parents, who were MPC members.
20. Burgess Scholarship - memorial gift for Clara Burgess received in 1948 when the Clara Burgess Womens Guild was dissolved. Gift to be used for need based scholarships; generally $500/year.
21. Borden Scholarship - memorial gift for Helen Borden received in 2016. Gift to be used for scholarships for need based students who demonstrate the values of hard work and perseverance. Normally, $2,000 in scholarships to be awarded annually.
22. New Wilmington Missionary Conference Scholarship - 1981 gift from Dr. & Mrs. James Grey for scholarships to the New Wilmington (PA) Missionary Conference or for similar missionary conferences. In 1985, the Greys approved the use of these monies for Youth In Mission programs as well. In 2023, based on recommendations of the Financial Taskforce, Session voted to transfer these monies to the Youth-in-Mission fund.

Unrestricted: Monies available for any church related purpose.

Stewardship Committee



The foundation of stewardship is building an ongoing cycle of gratitude and generosity. During the 2025-26 stewardship season we heard from several members about why they have a grateful heart for MPC and how it has affected their lives. Some examples of how MPC has made an impact on them include:

- The happiness received from helping others who have food insecurity by volunteering at The Food Center each week, or packing and distributing Deacons Holiday Food Baskets.
- Assisting members who have lost a loved one, by reaching out and showing you care and you are there to support them in their time of need.
- Teaching the next generation of young people through Christian Education.
- Being part of the Youth Mission Trip – a team that helps a community less fortunate with building projects and sharing their love and smiles with people who need it. It is also a team that learns, grows, and expands its view of the world together while growing deeper in faith.
- Using our talents to help maintain the church. Volunteering for Habitat for Humanity.
- Visiting shut-ins or people who are lonely and need someone to talk with and share.



There are many more examples; however, a grateful heart is where stewardship begins. Part of this continuous cycle includes being thankful for previous generations and what they have provided us, while continuing to help future generations grow.

Members were asked to think about their own hearts and how grateful they are for the people of this church whom they love and who love them including people whom they helped and the unexpected help they received. This is the heart and soul of our church – the members. These are the people for whom we are grateful when they give their time, talent and treasure, plus the opportunity to grow in spirit.

For the 2026 calendar year we received 123 Estimate of Giving (EOG) cards, which is down from 132 pledges in 2025. However, the average pledge increased from over $3100 to over $3600. In addition, many of the members who pledged in the past continued to give, but without submitting an EOG card, which makes budgeting more difficult.

Over 25% increased their pledges. Ten new pledges were received. Pledges ranged from $100 to $23,000+. Thank you for your continued financial generosity which reflects the grateful heart this congregation has.

MPC has a challenge. While the congregation grows its treasure/member, the overall annual pledge level remains even. From the 2021 to 2026 years, the total annual pledge amount has

been between $460K to $488K. To develop new programs and increase mission, this situation needs to be studied and solutions proposed.

In addition to treasure, the congregation commits to time and talent. Some of these programs are making meals and providing shelter for the homeless in March, in Fellowship Hall for Code Blue and Community Meals in other months under the guidance of Advocates for Homeless and Those in Need (AHTN). Other initiatives designed to help alleviate food insecurity are the Deacons Holiday Food Baskets and the weekly food distribution of the Food Center.

Other opportunities for involvement in the life of the church include: supplying backpacks for school students in need, teaching Sunday School, staffing the nursery, participating in the Chancel and handbell choirs, visiting homebound members with the new extended table program for communion, helping Youth Club and making a meal for Youth Club. Many members, including new members, returned Time and Talent cards (back of EOG cards).

Funds are being used to maintain the church building including: new outside doors to be installed, new steps at the outside stairwells to the education wing and to the Welcome Center, improved signage at the entrances, and new flooring in the education wing.

Thank you to the congregation for supporting MPC with time, talent, and treasure. The efforts of everyone support a "Grateful Heart."

Faithfully submitted: Tom Smith (Chair-outgoing), Bill Hughes (Chair-incoming), Rev. Tom Kort, Elizabeth Lester-Abdalla, Shellie Stoddard, Christy Stephenson, and Jim Lytle.





Board of Deacons (BOD)

Do you ever wonder what MPC Deacons do in addition to ushering at each Sunday service?

Well, take a look! We "lead the charge" for:

- Holiday Outreach – we supply food baskets and flowers at Easter, Thanksgiving and Christmas, and we coordinate the Angel Tree
- Hospitality Hour – we buy basic supplies and coordinate hosts for each Sunday
- Holiday Flower Delivery – we are unsure who benefits most -- the giver or receiver!
- Weekly and Special Services Ushering – we greet and care for the congregation
- First Aid Committee – we keep church supplies stocked and updated
- Extending the Table – we bring communion to the homes of members unable to observe communion in person
- Backpack Drive – we coordinate donation of school supplies
- Blood Pressure Screening – we offer this to the congregation semi-annually

In addition, we are actively involved in Monday night food packing, Outreach Committee, and the Nominating Committee --- suffice it to say, we love to serve!

Lately, it has become more difficult to find people willing to serve on the Board of Deacons. In an effort to maintain our commitments despite this decline, we have turned to the congregation for assistance with certain tasks, like ushering during Sunday services. Our congregation exemplifies the spirit of God in their willingness to serve, expecting nothing in return.

Respectfully submitted,
Austin Massey, Moderator















Presbyterian Women (PW) - Deborah & Rebecca Circles

Presbyterian Women is open to all women of MPC who are encouraged to attend a meeting, participate in our annual weekend retreat, join in mission work and even donate a pledge. Our goal is to welcome you where you are on that day, share your joys, listen to your concerns, and grow stronger together through our faith. We strive to serve our church and community through our actions and donations.

Presbyterian Women consists of two Circles that meet monthly on the second Monday of the month, September through May, offering fellowship and faith enrichment. Deborah Circle meets at noon and Rebecca Circle meets at 7:00 p.m. in our church lounge. We have forty five active members.

Our program committee provided varied programs of interest to all: We learned Tai chi, how to make Ukranian Easter eggs and prayer shawls, heard a speaker who is involved in mission work in Ethiopia, enjoyed an off-site tour of Historic Fallsington Library, and dined for our last meeting in May at a member's home.

Our annual pledge drive netted $3,515 and we proudly distributed these monies to the following worthwhile community causes:

- Advocates for Homeless & Those in Need (Code Blue) $200
- Historic Fallsington Library $300
- Hawassa Hope African Mission $500
- Snipes Farm & Education Center $500
- Snipes Camp Scholarships $775
- Gifts Received $100

Many thanks to Beth Curtiss, who served for many years as PW Moderator and now makes her home in NC.



We thank God for the life and witness of Marion Rea, a sixty-six year MPC member; devoted PW board member until 100 years old; and a sister to Deborah Circle members, who passed away on May 27, 2026. Phil 1:3.

Presbyterian Women are grounded in God's grace, serve a vibrant community, are disciples of all ages, gather for fellowship, and nurture and love to serve. Please join us at our monthly meetings!



What a joy and a blessing it is to be together every month as we share fellowship and strengthen our faith to serve God, community and each other through Presbyterian Women. Thanks to every member for enriching the lives of many.

Nancy Kernan – Moderator
Missy Watson- Treasurer

Personnel Committee

The Personnel Committee is responsible for ensuring that our church staff is appropriately remunerated and supported so they can give their whole attention to the work before them. The Personnel Committee must dedicate itself to the task of providing fair compensation, retirement and health benefits, educational opportunities, vacations, and an appropriate and comfortable working environment. In brief, this includes all matters pertaining to the compensation, care and welfare of the staff.

The Personnel Committee is also responsible to the Session and the congregation to ensure that we are good stewards of the financial resources available. We must, from time to time, advise and counsel them on how the resources are or should be utilized in support of our staff.

We have also focused on staffing efforts. This year, we hired Kevin Subers as our Coordinator of Christian Education, and Amanda Heffernan as a Nursery Coordinator. Personnel also served to assist the Pastoral Nominating Committee, as needed, for guidance with contractual issues for our incoming Senior Pastor/Head of Staff.

We also support our staff by allocating budget funds and time off for personal and professional development.

- In addition to a well-deserved sabbatical, Pastor Alex was also involved in several activities. In the fall of 2025, Alex attended a retreat with his Pastoral Clergy Group of fellow Associate Pastors. Each year, Alex and his colleagues lead a project they teach to enhance professional development. Alex led a session on contemplative practices for greater discernment in the context of congregational committees. He learned from projects on Teaching Sexuality, Sin, and Grace in Youth Ministry; Spiritual Retreat plan about Internal Family Systems Theory; and Curriculum for Reading the Bible in Two Years for Adult Education. In the winter of 2026, Alex graduated from his Spiritual Guidance Program through the Shalem Institute. He is an officially trained spiritual director and can now provide guidance outside of the program's parameters. Alex continues to discern the intersection of this training within congregational contexts.
- Our Director of Music, Tim Carpenter, participated in several workshops from the Choristers Guild, which included Working with a Boy's Changing Voice; Working with Older Singers; and Choral Reading Sessions. Tim also read and studied several works this year, including Songs for the Cycle: Fresh Hymn Texts for Church Years A, B, & C (M. Hudson); Discovering Your Spiritual Type (Corrine Ware, re-reading with Worship Committee), and the quarterly publications from the Presbyterian Association of Musicians.

In closing, I would like to thank the dedicated members of the Personnel Committee for their unwavering support on top of their very busy lives: Matt Bausher, Bill Hughes, Erin Aronson, Christy Stephenson, and Tony Zazzu. This year, we also welcomed Dale Perry, who brings a wealth of personnel experience serving in other churches in the area, as well as Seth McHenry, who will be our new vice chair. This very talented and faithful group brings a varied experience as we continue to support the staff and strive to meet the needs of our church. While I'll continue to serve on the committee during our transition period, I will be passing the torch to Erin to take over as chair of Personnel. I'm grateful for the opportunity to have led and

served through this time of transition. I was supported not only by a great team, but by the wonderful congregation here at Morrisville Presbyterian Church.

Respectfully submitted,

Rich Ryan, Chair
On behalf of the Personnel Committee

Pastor Nominating Committee

Committee Process & Vision

After receiving training from the Philadelphia Presbytery Council on Ministry personnel, the Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC) met to discuss its responsibilities, approach, and individual member roles. The committee selected Nancy McHenry and David Hough to serve as co-chairpersons.

To lay the groundwork for our search, the group carefully reviewed and discussed the *Morrisville Presbyterian Church (MPC) Mission Statement*, current senior pastor job description, and *Mission Study Report*. The *Mission Study Report* detailed the congregation's vision for the future of MPC, as well as an assessment of the desired skills and experience sought in a new senior pastor.

The committee discussed MPC's many ministries, programs, and assets, alongside its challenges in the years ahead. We also reflected on the strengths and talents of recent pastors and evaluated what style of leadership would be the best fit for our congregation.

PNC Members:

Nancy McHenry (co-chairperson)
David Hough (co-chairperson)
Erin Aronson
Patrick Gilbride
Russell McCleskey
Matthew DeSciscio
Cindy Moskow
Madison Neiman

Mission Discernment Profile Highlights

The Presbytery required that the PNC complete a *Mission Discernment Profile* (MDP). Following our document review, along with many hours of discussion and prayerful discernment, the PNC developed the following vision for its ministry:

We strive to be a vibrant, intergenerational Christian community that is joyful, uplifting, welcoming, and respectful—a Spirit-filled fellowship in which life-changing connections are made and sustained. We enjoy inspiring and challenging worship services that encourage us and remind us of God's everlasting love. As part of those services, we look forward to thoughtful, relevant, Scripture-based preaching with an emphasis on the identity and purpose of the church.

We complement worship with an exceptional music program featuring an excellent chancel choir and organist, as well as handbells, family choir, and instrumental offerings on special occasions. Recognizing that we live among communities with diverse resources and circumstances, we strive to make our gatherings inclusive of people from all backgrounds. We offer both in-person and online worship options to accommodate those with mobility, transportation, or health challenges.

Furthermore, we encourage and support lifelong spiritual growth through Christian education, Presbyterian Women fellowships, weekly Bible studies, and book clubs. We also strongly believe in putting our faith into action, supporting numerous outreach and service programs that directly aid individuals in need throughout our surrounding communities.

Candidate Profile

As part of the MDP, the PNC summarized what we sought in an ideal candidate for senior pastor:

Our congregation sought a senior pastor exhibiting empathy, compassion, and high emotional intelligence—someone who genuinely cares for and about the individuals in the congregation. It was critical that they view their role as a spiritual calling and desire to become an integral part of the life of the church: connecting members, fostering the bonds of Christian fellowship, putting care into action, and walking alongside our community in all of life's moments. Our new pastor needed to deliver thoughtful, inspiring, Scripture-based sermons relevant to our daily lives, while possessing deep spiritual maturity to model their faith through preaching, leadership, and personal example.

In addition, our pastor needed dynamic organizational leadership skills—the ability to supervise and mentor church staff, the Session, boards, and lay leadership. We sought a leader who could work collaboratively with the Session to develop and execute a strategy and vision for our future, honoring our history while building upon existing outreach and service programs. This required energy, initiative, and exceptional written and oral communication skills, as well as a heart for working with a multigenerational congregation.

The Search & Call

We conducted a thorough, nationwide search, reviewing thirty-four highly qualified candidates identified through the *Church Leadership Connection* website and personal networking with pastors throughout the East Coast, our Presbytery, Princeton Theological Seminary, and local churches. Through multiple rounds of interviews, extensive reference checks, informal meetings over lunch and dinner, and watching online sermons, we carefully screened and evaluated each applicant. After much prayer, discussion, and discernment, the PNC unanimously selected a candidate for this vital leadership role.



On July 26, the PNC was thrilled to recommend Rev. Kyle Anderson. At the congregational meeting after the worship service, Kyle was overwhelmingly accepted as our new senior pastor and head of staff.

Rev. Anderson has over twenty years of rich experience in church leadership, youth ministry, and community

organizing across various settings in Pennsylvania and New Jersey. Known for his collaborative spirit, vibrant communication style, spiritual maturity, and innovative leadership, Rev. Anderson is deeply passionate about cultivating intergenerational ministries where all people can flourish together.

He embraces a team-oriented approach to ministry, recognizing that a healthy church thrives when leadership is shared. He is uniquely gifted at identifying the spiritual gifts of others and equipping church members—including the Session, Deacons, and committees—to step into meaningful leadership roles. With a strong commitment to pastoral care and a natural ability to connect with diverse groups, Rev. Anderson excels at building bridges between the church and the broader community, ensuring MPC remains a relevant, welcoming, and deeply connected neighborhood anchor.

Throughout our interview process, it became clear that there was wonderful synergy between Rev. Anderson's gifts and the hopes and dreams of our congregation. The PNC looks forward with joy to many years of Rev. Anderson's leadership and service to Morrisville Presbyterian Church.

Worship Committee

With joyful hearts, we give thanks to God for a year of meaningful worship, fellowship, and abundant blessings. Amid a season of transition and discernment, MPC continued to gather faithfully, share our gifts, and grow together. We celebrate the many ways God's Spirit moved among us throughout the year.

We began the month of October with World Communion Sunday, with an array of breads and colorful cloths lent by congregation members adorning the communion table. This beautiful display reminded us that we belong to the greater body of Christ, united across cultures. Later that month, Laity Sunday nourished us through Scripture readings and reflections from three members on their faith journeys.



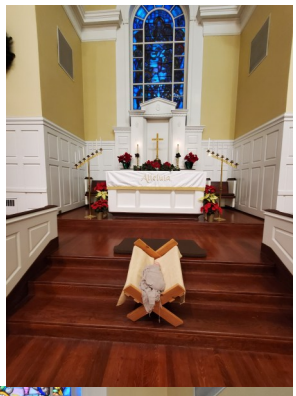


As Advent approached, our focus turned to welcoming the wider community. We brought back the seasonal pamphlet mailer, while festive lawn signs created with the Communications Committee lined West Trenton Avenue and invited neighbors to worship with us.



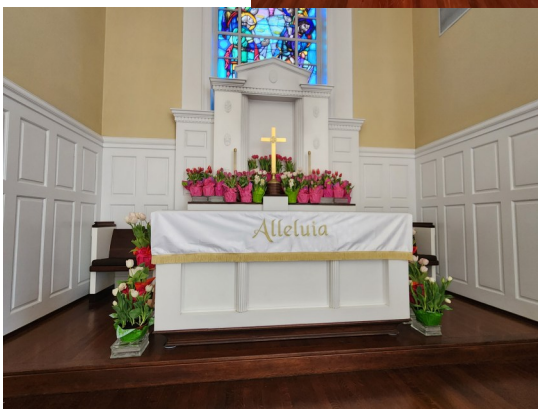
Christmas Eve brought two memorable services. During the Family Service, the Agape Choir filled the sanctuary with music as angels, shepherds, and animals brought the story of Jesus' birth to life. We thank the children and their families, along with Tim and Carol Carpenter, whose

dedication made the program possible. Later that evening, carols, candlelight, and communion drew us together in celebration of the saving grace revealed through Christ.



As the church year moved into Lent, the Worship Committee continued the cherished tradition of Lenten Soup Suppers. Two gatherings were held on consecutive Wednesdays before Holy Week, followed by a third in conjunction with the Maundy Thursday Service. Savory soups, warm fellowship, and member-led meditations helped prepare our hearts for the joy of Resurrection Day.

During Pastor Alex's sabbatical, congregation members stepped forward to share stories and lessons with the children during Time for Young Disciples. We thank each volunteer who led this meaningful part of worship and also Pastor Carter for his support during this time.



In May, worship highlighted music, creativity, and the gifts of our children. The Chancel Choir, joined by singers from Newtown Presbyterian Church and several talented instrumentalists, opened the month with an inspiring service. On Mother's Day, the Children's Service brought fresh energy to the sanctuary and concluded with a spirited MPC cheer written by the children and Sunday School teacher Joy Rees.

Summer brought further milestones. On Youth-In-Mission Sunday, our youth led worship and shared stories from its mission trip, offering a powerful witness to faith in action. At the end of July, we welcomed our pastoral candidate to the pulpit and, following the service, joyfully confirmed him as our new pastor.

Throughout every season, we experienced God's grace through our worship services. We were reminded of the strength, hope, and love we share as the MPC family. Grateful for the year behind us and hopeful for the journey ahead with our new pastor, we pray that we will continue to seek God's Word, welcome one another, and grow together in faith.

We extend heartfelt thanks to Yun Kang and the Chancel, Bell, and Children's choirs, special musicians and vocalists for sharing God's message through song. We give thanks for Pastor Tom for his spiritual leadership and encouragement to enhance worship in new ways. We are extremely grateful to the faithful MPC members who clean, organize, and decorate our sanctuary for each season. Their generous gifts of time and talent sustain the Worship Committee's ministry.

The dedicated members of the Worship Committee are Carol Carpenter, Tim Carpenter, Christi Anne DeSciscio, Luisa Herrera, Wendy McMenamin, Nancy Powers, Sharon Smith, and Pastor Tom Kort.

Faithfully and gratefully submitted,
Christi Anne DeSciscio, Chair

Congregational Ministry Council (CMC)

The Congregational Ministry Council seeks to do God's work by caring for and supporting our church family through all seasons of life, sharing in times of joy and celebration and offering comfort and compassion in times of sorrow. Through fellowship, hospitality and service, the council creates meaningful opportunities for members of all ages to connect with one another and strengthen the bonds of our church family.



Throughout the year, the council plans and hosts many special gatherings, including our annual Rally Day Picnic, Anniversary Luncheon, and Spring Picnic; along with a variety of fellowship events designed to bring all generations together for friendship, fun, and connection. The council also hosts Evergreen Luncheons, providing our seasoned members with special opportunities to gather, enjoy a meal, and share in warm fellowship.

An especially meaningful part of this ministry is caring for church families following the loss of a loved one. The council coordinates and hosts funeral receptions and luncheons, extending hospitality, comfort, and loving support at a time when it is needed most.

At the heart of the Congregational Ministry Council is a simple mission: to care for one another as Christ calls us to do. Whether celebrating a joyful membership milestone, organizing and delivering meals for those dealing with illness/injury or the celebration of birth, sending cards or calling those in need, welcoming members to a churchwide event, or surrounding a grieving family with love, the council works to ensure that everyone in our congregation feels connected, loved, cared for, and an important part of our church family. Our council includes Nancy McHenry (chair person), Lisa Zazzu (assistant chair person), Nancy Kernan, Gail Hunger, Beth Becker, Ann Clements, Shellie Stoddard, J'Ann Ellis, Nancy Anderson, Patti Sheffer, and Cindy Moskow. Thank you to everyone on the council for their countless hours of planning, setting up events, hosting, and cleaning up. The work we do is its own fellowship and we share a deep bond built through many years of collaborating in the rewarding, spiritually fulfilling task of serving others.





CMC hosted the Rally Day picnic to celebrate the beginning of the new Sunday School year. Although the weather did not cooperate and we had to move our picnic indoors, it did not stop MPC from fabulous fellowship including an epic pie-eating contest that will be remembered fondly for years to come! We also hosted the Anniversary Luncheon in Fellowship Hall. Anniversary Sunday is a deeply rooted tradition where we all celebrate our membership at MPC. Those who have been members for over fifty years also receive special recognition during the worship service. In May we hosted a wonderful outdoor picnic in the Memorial Gardens. Members brought sides and desserts to share with our main dish, a delicious lunch was served and children enjoyed scavenger hunts, bubbles, and other

games on the church lawn. These three all-church events provide lovely opportunities for intergenerational fellowship at MPC.



In June, CMC organized our annual Trenton Thunder Night. On a beautiful evening, 40-45 MPC members and friends of all ages joined together to cheer on the Thunder baseball team, share laughs and stay for a great fireworks display. Just to keep things fun, CMC also organized two lady bunco nights and a family movie night.

During the winter months when it is harder to stay connected with our church family, the CMC hosts two luncheon "tea" events. We renamed our Older Adult Ministry group the "Evergreens" and celebrate all the wonderful history they bring to our MPC family.

We'll keep posting upcoming events and pictures showcasing past fellowship events throughout the year on the bulletin board in the Welcome Center.

Respectfully submitted by Nancy McHenry, Congregational Ministry Council Chair

















Educational Ministry Committee (EMC)



Youth Sunday School had another successful year. Kevin Subers, the new Sunday School Coordinator, recruited Sunday School teachers and provided curriculum and supplies for all Sunday School classes. On average, Sunday School was attended by about 20 students per week, in age groups, PreK, K -4, and 5-8 (Quest Class), and High School Seminar. A big thank you to all our Sunday School teachers!



Adult Sunday School explored a variety of topics this year. Pastor Carter Lester led a three-week class on changes in culture and in our church. Next, David Hough led a two-week class on becoming more emotionally healthy. Both were well attended. Finally, a several week series took place, led by various guest speakers with a wide range of religious backgrounds, exploring different faiths and faith traditions. Although attendance for this series was light, positive feedback was received from those that attended. Brown Bag Bible Study, led by Pastor Carter Lester, also continued to meet weekly this year and was well attended. Additionally, the MPC Book Discussion Group met regularly, reading several books, including *Red Tent*, *Man's Search for Meaning*, and *Fire Weather* among others. A hybrid meeting style of both in-person and virtual was used for group.

The Book Distribution Ministry continued to be faithfully led by Susan Light this year with the help of Alice Garcia and Joy Rees. With generous donations from congregation members, books were able to be distributed regularly at the MPC Food Center as well as Cadwallader School in Trenton.



The Women's Retreat took place from November 7 to 9 at Sisters of St Joseph Center for Spirituality. The retreat was attended by twenty-one women who were led in a spiritual and poetic exploration of Psalms by Rev. Dr. Anne Stewart. Overall, there was very positive feedback regarding the retreat.

In addition to those mentioned in this report, MPC's Educational Ministry programs rely on the dedication and faithful service of the committee members: Chris Bannister, Beth Curtiss, Wes Gardner, Beth Keys, Travis Keys, Susan Light, Jill Monroe-Dillon, and Kevin Subers. We are also so very thankful for the guidance and encouragement provided by Pastor Alex.

Respectfully Submitted,
Emily Bausher, EMC chair



Music Ministry



Chancel Choir is thriving, thanks to our faithful volunteer singers and section leaders. We sing anthems that have strong, meaningful texts aligned with music that highlights the sense and feeling of the words. Word-in-Music Sunday, at the end of Epiphany, comprised texts appropriate to that season: excerpts from Mendelssohn's oratorio, "Christus" anthems for the season and Buxtehude's cantata "The Newborn Child". Easter Sunday was a glorious celebration of Christ rising, replete with organ, brass, timpani and a full choir. Our spring Word-in-Music Sunday featured Elaine Hagenberg's haunting and joyful "Illuminare" for large choir, multiple strings, piano and percussion. This was a joint effort of our church and the Newtown Presbyterian Church.



We continue to gather new singers into our group and are always happy to welcome any new and former singers to join us for short-term, long-term, or seasonal commitments.





Chancel Chimes, our adult bell choir, is six members strong at this point. We are learning new repertoire and new ensemble bell ringing techniques, such as weaving, bell tree ringing, and sharing multiple bells. This group of loyal ringers continues to making music to enhance worship.

God's Thunder, the youth bell choir, is small, but gaining in experience and technique. We have been combining malleting with ringing bells, playing modified bell trio, and quartet music. Our use of co-teachers to work and ring with this devoted group has become a good model.

Our Teen Choir experienced a hiatus because of conflicting commitments and members aging out. We look forward to welcoming singers from the younger choir as they "age in" to this choir. Older teens are welcomed into the Chancel and Family Choirs.



Children's Music: After they participate in Time for Young Disciples we take children from toddlers to grade five out of worship for music, musical games, dancing and playing rhythm instruments. Most of the songs are short melodies with bible verses for texts, but we did learn larger anthems too. For Christmas Eve we sang songs with texts from the

Christmas story and for Children's Sunday we sang pieces that complemented the readings from the book "What is God Like?"

Process, Christian education, and faith formation, rather than performance, is the main focus of this group. Carol Carpenter is an invaluable co-teacher and we are blessed to have Bella Keys and parents as helpers.

Yun Kang is our dedicated and faithful organist who is a joy to have as part of the Music Ministry. Yun is a wonderful accompanist and pianist and, in addition to accompanying the choirs, her piano offertories and the offertories of her Song Trio have been a blessing during worship.

Our music ministries continue to change and evolve as we respond to the changing and evolving short-term and possibly long-term in-church attendance and involvement norms post-pandemic. With all of our music groups the process of learning choir skills such as community building, faith development, voice building for singers and technique improvement for ringers are as important as performance.

We are doing well, doing worship and ministry within the congregation, and seeking to be an inviting presence in the wider Morrisville community. To GOD be the glory!

Timothy Carpenter, Director of Music

Flower Ministry

Each Sunday, if you look toward the front of our sanctuary you will see two beautiful floral arrangements. These flowers are part of a quiet ministry that not only adds beauty to our worship but also serves as an outreach ministry to our members. After the worship service, these flowers are placed in small pails and delivered to a member of our church family who may not be able to attend worship, has recently lost a loved one or may have provided a special ministry for which we want to offer our gratitude. Although it seems a simple gesture, behind each bouquet is a story of multiple personal contacts among our church family. Our flower ministry coordinator, DeeAnn Martin, first contacts those who have asked to give flowers on a particular Sunday. Several of these contacts lead to conversations with members who no longer live in our area, or may not regularly attend worship, but wish to give flowers in memory of a loved one. Our pastors, members of the weekly Prayer Group, Presbyterian Women, and caring friends offer names of those to whom flowers could be given. Your reaching out to our pastors, or DeeAnn, to share a member's need of prayer and a caring visit is a vital part of this Ministry. DeeAnn then contacts those named, which often leads to a wonderful conversation of sharing and caring. She then arranges for a member to deliver the flowers after our worship service. These volunteers provide the most important "in person" contact letting those unable to be with us know they are remembered.

There is always a need for flowers, which can be given in memory of a loved one, in celebration of someone or a special event, or in gratitude for a ministry or act of kindness. Our florist, Flowers By Jennie Lynne, in Fairless Hills, provides the beautiful arrangements at a cost of $37 each. If you would like to give on any Sunday, please contact DeeAnn Martin at 215-493-3865 or email her at deemar918@aol.com. The Flower Ministry is an opportunity for everyone to reach out to another in a small way that often makes a big difference.

Youth Ministry Committee

The 2025–2026 program year began with our Youth in Mission Trip to Pipestem, West Virginia, in July 2025. Six youth participated in the trip, accompanied by four adult chaperones—two men and two women—as well as Alex Lester-Abdalla.

Throughout the 2025–2026 program year, the Youth Committee planned and supported Youth Club, which included meetings and programming on selected Wednesday evenings from 6:00–7:30 p.m. as well as some special events on weekends. Dinner was provided at each gathering through the generosity of volunteers. These evenings offered our youth opportunities for fellowship, faith formation, service, and connection with one another.





In November, we also planned a Youth Retreat at Camp Johnsonburg in Johnsonburg, New Jersey, providing another opportunity for our young people to spend time together, strengthen relationships, and grow in their faith.

At the conclusion of the program year in June 2026, the Youth Committee recognized our four graduating high school seniors and presented each of them with a senior gift in celebration of this important milestone.

Finally, in accordance with the funds available through the MPC Scholarship Fund, the Youth Committee awarded the following scholarships:



Hope Massey - $2,000 - Roberts Scholarship
Caroline Stover - $2,000 - Roberts Scholarship
Angel Kamara - $2,000 - Clara Burgess Scholarship
Eliana Song - $2,000 - Patti Jane Reeves Scholarship
Maddie McKleskey - $2,000 - McClaren Scholarship
Elizabeth Stoner - $2,000 - McClaren Scholarship
Megan Oleynick - $2,000 - Helen Borden Scholarship

Submitted by Heidi Dous







Communication and Evangelism Committee

The Communications and Evangelism Committee serves Morrisville Presbyterian Church by fostering a sense of community through effective communication and strengthening the bonds of Christian fellowship using a variety of print, digital, and social media platforms.

Through these efforts, the committee also seeks to share the life and ministry of our church with the surrounding community. David Hough served as committee chair this year alongside Damon Miller (MPC Communications Coordinator), Curt Rimler, A.K. Rosenbaum, and Luisa Herrera.

In addition to producing *Currents* and the weekly worship bulletins, Damon oversees our livestream worship services and manages the recorded videos and podcasts, which are available through the MPC website, YouTube channel, and podcast platforms. Weekly emails and worship bulletins remain our primary means of keeping the congregation informed about worship services, church events, and important announcements. *Currents* continues to be published on a seasonal schedule, with four editions each year.

The committee plans to strengthen communication with the various ministries, committees, and groups throughout MPC by regularly gathering stories and updates that highlight the life of our church. Our goal is not only to keep our congregation informed but also to share the vibrant ministry of MPC with the surrounding community. This builds on our ongoing effort to encourage church staff, ministry leaders, and volunteers to submit news, photos, and stories for publication in both print and electronic media. We are grateful to the many members who have contributed to these efforts. If you lead a committee, mission, event, or church group, we encourage you to take a few photos and share them with us so others can see the many wonderful ways God is at work both within our church and throughout our community.

Another continuing priority is expanding our use of social media to promote worship services, events, and ministry opportunities. These efforts complement our established communication methods, particularly our printed materials, ensuring that members who do not receive electronic communications continue to stay informed.

The committee organized a table which was staffed by volunteers who provided information about MPC for the community at Historic Fallsington Day on October 11. The MPC table had shopping bags with an embroidered church logo for handout as well as “one page” summary handouts/brochures for key activities: e.g., Welcome letter to MPC signed by Tom and Alex, Food and Clothing center, pamphlet of church services, Youth-in-Mission, etc.





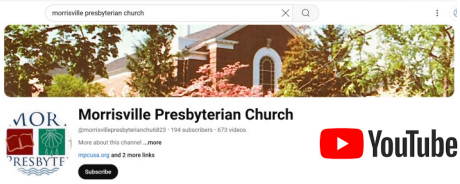

On May 25, the committee hosted a hospitality table for participants in the Morrisville Memorial Day Parade in the MPC parking lot. Parade participants were invited to use the church restrooms and enjoy complimentary water and snacks before the parade began. We extend our sincere thanks to everyone who helped support this outreach to our community.



Submitted by David Hough

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Technology Standards Committee

In this inaugural year, the Technology Standards Committee was established to provide strategic oversight and guidance for the Morrisville Presbyterian Church (MPC) technology infrastructure and digital ministry needs. Our primary objective has been to ensure that MPC's systems effectively, securely, and sustainably support the church's mission.

Key initiatives and accomplishments this year include:

- Realm Implementation & Support: We have prioritized the successful transition and adoption of Realm. This includes managing the rollout of the online church directory and online giving platforms, as well as providing ongoing support for committees and volunteers to facilitate better connection and communication across the congregation. A significant milestone this year was the launch of our new Vanco online giving account, which is now fully integrated with Realm. This integration ensures that online contributions are automatically recorded in Realm, streamlining financial administration and providing a more efficient, user-friendly giving experience for the congregation.
- Infrastructure Enhancements: To improve connectivity and collaboration, we successfully deployed Guest Wi-Fi access within the facility. We also started standardizing Zoom account management across various church committees to support robust hybrid meeting capabilities.
- Technology Lifecycle Management: We started conducting a comprehensive technology inventory assessment to identify hardware and software requiring upgrades. This proactive approach has allowed us to facilitate necessary hardware refreshes (such as laptop replacements) for staff and manage our technical services contract with MDS Computer Systems to ensure responsive, cost-effective maintenance.
- Audio-Visual & Hybrid Worship: We have initiated evaluations of our sanctuary audio-visual systems, focusing on addressing hardware microphone issues, choir lighting, and projection needs to ensure high-quality worship experiences for both in-person and online participants.

As we look ahead, the committee remains committed to supporting MPC staff and volunteers in navigating the evolving digital landscape, with a continued focus on technological sustainability and operational security.

Submitted by Tony Zazzu

Mission Code Blue and Community Meals

Code Blue – This year MPC opened its doors for the fourth year to welcome the homeless, in partnership with Advocates for the Homeless and Those in Need (AHTN). MPC opened six days this year and served 213 guests averaging approximately thirty-five guests per night. We've had many compliments about our meals, desserts, accommodations, and hospitality.

For those that may not know AHTN, it is a Bucks County interfaith, nonprofit organization that serves the homeless and those in need by providing year-long access to emergency shelter, food, and other life-sustaining services with dignity and compassion. Code Blue is just one of the many initiatives that AHTN offers, and it is an overnight emergency shelter for male and female adults over the age of 18. Starting in the winter of 2009, the shelter is opened when the temperature dips to dangerous levels and there are enough AHTN volunteers to staff evening, overnight, and the mornings at the shelter. The program runs from December 1 to March 31.



In addition to providing a warm place to spend the night, we prepare and serve dinner to our guests, as well as offer breakfast and lunch items before they depart the following morning. Guests are very appreciative for the meal they receive and for a warm place to spend the night. During the evening, guests often expressed the need for clothing, and we were grateful we were able to assist them with the support of the MPC Clothing Center and AHTN. As a special treat again this year, during dinner, we enjoyed the very talented Howard Rees at the piano.

This ministry is only possible with the ongoing support from MPC. We are so very grateful for the financial contributions of the congregation who have generously supported this ministry. Additionally, we are thankful for all the support from the many volunteers, including those who greeted our guests at the door, grocery shoppers, cooks, kitchen leads, and bakers. We are so grateful for Pastor Alex's leadership and guidance as we navigated these past few years.



Community Meals – This is our third year hosting Community Meals which occur on the fifth Tuesday or fifth Friday of the month, approximately ten times per year. This is one of the many other programs of AHTN and has been a huge success. Guests arrive on foot, by car or bus and are always ready for a meal and time to be together. They are gracious and grateful for the meal and frequently comment on how much they enjoyed it. There is rarely leftover food as the guests are happy to take extras with them as they depart.



For both Code Blue and Community Meals we are always in need of volunteers, and we would be interested in hearing from you if you have not yet had the opportunity to become a volunteer. We believe a rewarding experience is waiting for you, whether it be cooking meals ahead for the freezer, preparing and serving the night of, leading kitchen efforts, baking desserts, coordinating communication, shopping, or many other opportunities. Please reach out with any questions or if you have an interest in becoming more involved.

Respectfully and joyfully submitted by Dawn Flook and Beth Becker

Outreach Committee

As disciples of Christ, we are called to feed the hungry, clothe the naked, shelter the homeless, comfort the afflicted. MPC members strive to fulfill these acts of mercy in many ways, through sharing our financial gifts and working in varied roles within the community.

The Outreach Committee is responsible for distributing the designated benevolence money from our annual budget to many worthy mission partners, both local and across the globe. This year, generous gifts from MPC members supported the local ministries of Trenton Area Soup Kitchen, Ivins Outreach Center (IOC), Family Service Association of Bucks County, Anchor House, UrbanPromise Trenton, the Food Center, Snipes Farm and Education Center, the Well, and Center for Child and Family Achievement. In addition to financial support, MPC members assisted Habitat for Humanity on one local building project, provided food and welcome to guests of Advocates for Homeless and Those in Need (AHTN) on Code Blue nights in March and again at Community Meals. We also supported missionaries in Mozambique through the Outreach Foundation and contributed to Presbytery Inspired Life and Children's Village. We also contributed to the development of preschool programs in South Africa through a locally-founded program, Adopt a South African Preschool (ASAP).

The Clothing Center is a valuable ministry of MPC, providing low cost clothing to the community and serving as a financial resource for further support of local ministries. The Clothing Center takes in about $9000 per year in sales and allocates those funds to the Outreach Committee for distribution. Gifts from the Clothing Center account were given to the Adopt a South African Preschool (ASAP), to PDA for disaster relief, and to local causes including Snipes Farm and Education Center, Philabundance, The Food Center, Welcoming the Stranger, and UrbanPromise Trenton.

There are many ways MPC members perform outreach to the community besides the offering of financial gifts. Volunteers give generously of their time and energies to the Food Center, IOC, the Clothing Center, Code Blue and Community Meals, Habitat Builds, book distribution, Morrisville Presbyterian Apartments, among others.

One of the six Great Ends of the Church is the promotion of social righteousness. The Outreach Committee has continued our mission to develop awareness of social injustices and work to combat them through education and advocacy. We have continued our alliance with Interfaith Power Bucks, an organization where lay people and clergy from various faith traditions join to share ideas and determine ways to support one another's efforts to address social justice issues

in our communities. We have attended workshops and participated in letter-writing campaigns to support feeding the hungry (Bread for the World), ending gun violence (CeaseFire PA), and lobbying for peace with Friends Committee on National Legislation (FCNL). We have increased our support of the immigrant community, providing Welcoming the Stranger with space to conduct English language classes.

Easy access to information about the varied missions of the Outreach Committee is provided on the MPC website. Links are provided there for volunteer opportunities with several of our local mission partners. Also, our bulletin board in the hallway near the lounge has colorful brochures from many affiliated agencies and information about current volunteer opportunities.

The hard-working and dedicated Outreach Committee members are Carol Carpenter, Ray Hendrickson, Nancy Powers, Gail Flesch, Alice Garcia, Ruth Levan, and Brett Keys, with guidance and support from Pastor Alex Lester-Abdalla.

The Lord's Tailor Shop

Our annual report for the Lord's Tailor Shop, aka The Clothing Center, reflects operations from October 2, 2025, through June 11, 2026. Founded in 1983, the MPC Clothing Center is in Room 4 of the church basement. We are open for business on Thursday from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. from Sept/Oct to mid-June, with the pricing and prepping taking place on Wednesdays from 12:00-2:30pm. We take a hiatus during the summer months.

This year was not as profitable as last year, generating $6942.00 for the year, a decrease of $2,802.00. The money from the Clothing Center sales is distributed by our Outreach Committee to charitable agencies/organizations both local and global; when we have lower sales, the less amount of money can be donated to others within our community.

This little jewel of a shop sells top quality and brand name clothing for women, men, children, and infants; along with jewelry, shoes, books, household items, including small appliances, lamps, dishes, glassware, linens, and occasionally some antiques. When you shop at the MPC Clothing Center you will not only be satisfied with your purchase, but you will leave with money in your pocket.

We continue to have weekly sales. a "Free" table from January through March, two Saturday Open Houses, and our seasonal open houses at Christmas and spring. The Saturday Open Houses provide the opportunity for those who cannot shop on Thursday to take advantage of all that our store offers. and gain a new customer base.

During Code Blue and Community Meals, we donated clothing, coats, hats, gloves, and socks for our guests. We will continue to do so this coming year since it has been well received.

Scout Troop 3 had a clothing drive, to which we contributed and will continue to do so. The scouts take the donations to a distribution center where they are paid for each pound of clothing, which, in turn, supports their programs and scholarships for summer camps. We are glad that we can help the scouts in this way and help them achieve their financial goals.

We have opened the Clothing Center during "off hours" to those who have experienced a significant hardship and need clothing and/or household items, at no expense for them. We, of

course, will continue to do so, because this is who we are, we want to help whenever we can to those in need.

As our customer base has decreased and sales have slowed, we have been saying for over a year decisions need to be regarding the future of the Clothing Center. Several dedicated women put in a lot of work week in and week out during our season, which can be very physical, to make our shop a welcoming and pleasant shopping experience for our customers, several of whom have become regulars and we know by name. If the Clothing Center is to continue, changes are needed which have been discussed and require action that can't be the sole responsibility of the volunteers, some of whom aren't church members.

VOLUNTEERS: Right now, on paper, it looks like we have enough volunteers (13). However not everyone is available to work every week, some are not available from January through April; some can only work on Wednesdays; there are only four volunteers who can regularly work on Thursdays when the store is open. There have been several days when it is difficult to get the coverage we need. If we don't have coverage, we can't open; if we can't open, we lose customers; if we lose customers, there is less money for the Outreach Committee to distribute.

This is a physical job, lugging the donations from where they are deposited in the basement by the elevator (some are so heavy I wonder how the person got them down there) into the area where we price and set-up, constantly carrying tubs of seasonal donations which are kept in the storage area of the Clothing Center, bagging and taking items that don't sell to Good Stuff or other donation sites, and more.

The average age of our volunteers (all of whom are women) is 73 years-old, and it takes a toll physically.

CHANGING NAME OF CLOTHING CENTER: I can't tell you how many times I hear from people that they think we only have clothing, not that it is a thrift store that sells so many other items.

We have people who come in with the thought that the merchandise is free – they receive free food from the Food Center, hence the thought is that the Clothing Center is also free.

The Clothing Center volunteers feel the name should be changed to reflect that we sell various items other than just clothing and that this is a store where you pay for the items. It doesn't have to be anything fancy, "MPC Thrift Store" would work. People know that a thrift store carries a variety of merchandise and the expectation is that you pay for those items.

CUSTOMERS: We have some very loyal customers, I can tell you who will be coming in and what they will buy, but both are limited. This past year we haven't seen four of our regular customers and two of our big buyers. One loyal customer moved, I don't know about the others, which is concerning; all our customers are special to us.

We need to increase our customer base and think of ways to do so – mostly by advertising and spreading the word that we are here. Again, the Clothing Center volunteers have some ideas on how this can be done; however, it requires the input and assistance from our Communications Committee.

HOURS OF OPERATION: One of the problems is our hours of operation. Let's face it, who can come to the Clothing Center only on Thursdays from 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.? It isn't the working class. We are missing out on a huge demographic of potential customers with our limited hours. When we have Saturday Open Houses 2x/year, they are well attended and we

have people who can't get here during the rest of the year and tell us they wish we were open at a time when they aren't at work.

If the Clothing Center would be open one Saturday/month, from 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m., it would give those who can't come on Thursdays an opportunity to shop and bring in new customers. To open one Saturday/month, it would of course have to be the same time each month, such as the first Saturday of each month, from September or October (depending on which Saturday is chosen to be open) through June, we are closed during the summer. Only three volunteers would be needed, everything would be set up from Thursday, the volunteers would only be responsible for helping our customers, accepting payment, and breaking down the store at closing. They would not have to price new donations, pack unsold clothing/ merchandise and take them to other donation sites/agencies/organizations. They wouldn't have to put away or take out the seasonal items from the storage room, etc.

If six people volunteered overall, then they can rotate and wouldn't even have to work every month, and it could be those who are not able to volunteer during the week. This would be ideal for high school students who need community service hours.

MARKETING: We need to advertise to promote the Clothing Center and let people know we are here, a larger and more readable sign to put out by the road when we are open. We have a "sandwich board" type of sign that is put out by W. Trenton Ave on the days we are open, but it is rather difficult to read if you are driving by. We should also have a sign by the Pennsylvania Ave. church entrance. We could have posters placed around the community at grocery stores or any public place where advertising is permitted. We could also expand our Facebook presence; place an article in the local news magazines (ex: Morrisville Times, Yardley Times, Yardley Advance, etc) about the Clothing Center - what is available, days/hours of operation (which hopefully would be Thursdays and one Saturday/month) and how all profits are put back into the community. We again would rely on our Communications Committee to help with this effort.

The Clothing Center has played an important role in our church, community and beyond for forty-three years, will it continue? Those of us who have put heart, soul, and sweat into our little shop have enjoyed doing so and feel good about the money raised and how that money goes beyond the church walls; the wonderful customers we have met along the way; proud of the improvements we have made to the shop overall; and making it a pleasant shopping experience for our customers.

The MPC Clothing Center (MPC Thrift Store) is staffed by faithful volunteers Cheryl Palmer, Gail Flesh, Jane Detraz, Caroline Pickering, Ann Murphy, Carol Carpenter, Ann Clements, Becky Hendrickson, Alice Garcia, Amy Nolan, Joy Rees, Ruth Levan, and Kathy Foster. It is a blessing and privilege to work with these dedicated ladies.

We want to thank everyone who generously supported and donated merchandise to our inventory during the year enabling us to help our local community and beyond, and to our shoppers, for without them we wouldn't exist.

Respectfully submitted,
Kathleen Foster – Clothing Center Volunteer

The Ivins Outreach Center (IOC)

Ivins Outreach Center (IOC) has been a vital mission of our church since 2003. The IOC supports residents of Lower Bucks County with quality-of-life programs that direct those in need to existing social services, enable seniors to remain independent in their homes, and manages after-school and summer enrichment opportunities for children. IOC strives to improve the quality of life for those within our neighboring communities with opportunities to be healthy, confident, connected, and secure, regardless of age, income or background.

This has been a year of restructuring within the Ivins Outreach Center, which is still in the planning stages. We were preparing for Darletta Berry-Johnson's retirement on December 31,2025, however Darletta withdrew her retirement plans and continues to be the Executive Director, for which we are most grateful. During this time of transition when decisions regarding the future and sustainability of the IOC are being made, Darletta's leadership is essential.

For the past year we have had a transitional Board of Directors (BOD) to keep the IOC operating and have been in the process of nominating and voting new board members. During the changes within the organization and BOD, we have continued with our programs: Staying Put in Lower Bucks, Home Share, Cancer Care, Food for Thought; along with the seasonal campaigns, such as Driving Away the Cold and the Holiday Giving Tree. The changes within the IOC have not impacted on our 21st Century Community Learning Centers, those programs are funded through federal and state grants and are separate from IOC initiatives.

There are several different funding, staffing, and partnership structures involved. It is important to distinguish when the IOC is leading an initiative, serving as a subcontractor, or participating as a community partner, while also capturing the growth of our work and the funding changes we are facing as we move forward.

During the year, our focus has been on sustainability planning, program restructuring, fundraising, and strengthening partnerships to continue supporting older adults, cancer patients, families experiencing food insecurity, and youth participating in after-school and summer programming.

A comprehensive facility improvement and organizational plan is required that identifies:

1. Safety and security enhancements
2. Accessibility improvements
3. Technology upgrades
4. Building repairs and maintenance
5. Community gathering space enhancements
6. Emergency preparedness projects

Since the building is owned by Morrisville Presbyterian Church, future funding opportunities will emphasize the long-standing partnership between the church and the IOC along with the community impact generated through shared use of the facility. As we move forward, developing a prioritized facility improvement plan and comprehensive needs assessment will better position Ivins Outreach Center to pursue multiple funding opportunities while leveraging

partnerships, community support, and collaborative investments.

The IOC office space is currently at capacity with some of the Ivins staff, six 21st Century Program Directors and six 21st Century Administrative Assistants housed at IOC, working flex hours so everyone is not in the building at the same time. The rest of the 356 21st CCLC staff work within their respective schools. Due to lack of space in the building, the two full-time Home Share and Cancer Care counselors and one administrative assistant are currently using office space in MPC.

Some of the 2025-2026 highlights:

Assisting with Food Insecurity

1. Our partnership with the Trenton Area Soup Kitchen (TASK) remains one of the organization's most valuable collaborations. TASK provided 115 hot and nutritious meals weekly to students participating in the 21st Century Community Learning Center after-school programs at Bucks County Technical High School and Bristol Borough School District, ensuring students have access to healthy meals while participating in academic enrichment activities. Other afterschool programs received snacks/meals provided through their school districts or the Philadelphia Archdiocese.
2. TASK also provides prepared meals to participants in the Staying Put/Cancer Care and Home Share programs, helping address food insecurity among older adults and other vulnerable community members. These meals are delivered by our volunteers.
3. Looking ahead to the 2026–2027 school year, the IOC is excited to expand the TASK meal program to additional after-school sites. This expansion is made possible by a $20,000 donation to TASK, which was specifically designated for the IOC food program, which will increase access to healthy meals for students participating in additional 21st Century Community Learning Center after-school and summer programs.
4. We connect families to local area food pantries for those individuals that cannot afford to pay for food.
5. Student & School-Based Support New Grocery Backpack Program – Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority provides grocery-filled backpacks every Friday for our after school Pre-K –12th grade students in Lower Bucks. Forty food backpacks are distributed weekly with fifty students currently on a waiting list. Demand continues to exceed supply, and expansion opportunities are being explored.
6. In partnership with the Princeton Jewish Synagogue, we currently serve approximately 100 families who have been identified as experiencing food insecurity. Many families may have immigration or documentation concerns. An important part of this partnership is that the synagogue does not require families to provide personal information in order to receive food assistance, which removes a significant barrier for families who may otherwise be hesitant to seek help.
7. Together, these collaborative partnerships with TASK, the Princeton Jewish Synagogue, the AKA Sorority, local schools, volunteers, and community organizations continue to strengthen the Ivins Outreach Center's commitment to reducing food insecurity and improving the health and well-being of children, families, older adults, and vulnerable residents throughout Lower Bucks County.

The Ivins and Community Stewardship

1. Through the United Way of Bucks County, we were able to distribute 354 new winter jackets to area families during the annual "Driving Away the Cold" campaign
2. Backpack Distribution: Due to the generosity of the MPC congregation, seventy backpacks filled with school supplies were distributed to help children prepare for a successful academic year.
3. The 2025 Holiday Giving Tree was truly overwhelming. Due to the generosity of so many individuals, businesses, church groups, etc., we were able to provide holiday toys, gifts and gift cards to 330 families with 1127 children. We partner with United Way of Bucks County and Lower Bucks County "Toys for Tots" and Shades of Green Landscaping housed the toys and distribution site. We had many returning and new volunteers. Toll Brothers again supported this effort with volunteers.

Resource and Referral Services

The IOC continues to serve as an important community resource and referral hub for residents seeking assistance throughout Bucks County and has experienced a continued increase in requests, most notably for drug and alcohol treatment, behavioral health issues and mental health support. The past year, IOC's Resource and Referral program has connected 623 individuals to social services. These numbers do not include Home Share inquiries or individuals seeking housing placements through the Home Share program.

Other referrals, other than those already noted, provided for financial issues such as rent, emergency shelter, food insecurity, transportation, utilities or credit card debt, suicide, after-school programs and gangs, medical and health issues and connecting individuals to needed social services in the community. Carmen Rodriquez, the Family Coordinator for 21stCCLC grants targeting the Spanish speaking population, has assisted with resource and referral this past year.

Staying Put in Lower Bucks and Cancer Care Program

Over the past year, IOC has continued to make a meaningful difference in the lives of older adults, individuals facing cancer, and families throughout the Lower Bucks County community. Through our Staying Put and Cancer Care Programs, we have provided compassionate support and reliable transportation to help residents get to their cancer treatments, dialysis appointments, and other essential medical services, reducing transportation barriers and helping individuals remain connected to the care they need.

1. Through the Staying Put program, services are provided to seniors so they can stay in their own home and "age in place" rather than move to a nursing home or another level of care.
2. The initial grant that the IOC received to initiate the Staying Put and Cancer Care programs and provide services to individuals 55 and older who have cancer or those in need of dialysis has expired. Due to this, the IOC formally merged the Staying Put and Cancer Care programs into one coordinated initiative.
3. In June 2026, Meredith Merrill took on the role of Program Coordinator for Staying Put/ Cancer Care, with Cathy Newsham providing ongoing support and assistance with all program efforts. We also have volunteers through the PathStone program (a non-profit

community Workforce Development organization that, among other things, provides workforce training for mature works, veterans, and other groups) along with receptionist support provided through PathStone, at no cost to the IOC.

4. Effective June 1, 2026, Cancer Care participants have been asked to pay a membership fee to support sustainability efforts. We will continue to find alternative funding opportunities through donations, fundraising and grants. Cancer Care had received ARPA funding through December 31, 2025.
5. We currently serve eight cancer patients and thirty-two older adults through these programs.
6. There is always a waiting list of those wanting to join our program, however we are limited to membership due to the lack of volunteers. Our program is totally dependent on volunteers, and we are always actively finding ways to recruit new volunteers.

Home Share

The Agency on Aging (AAA) holds the contract with the Pennsylvania Department of Aging (PDA), and the IOC serves as a subcontractor to facilitate the Home Share program. We had two sources of Home Share funding through December 31; the additional funding was ARPA funding through Bucks County AAA.

Ivins Outreach Center has been awarded a three-year grant from the Pennsylvania Department of Aging (PDA) to support services for older adults and strengthen our aging-in-place initiatives.

Through this grant, we were also able to add an administrative assistant position to support the Home Share program and Kim Pattley, the Home Share Coordinator; helping improve program coordination, participant intake, and ongoing support services.

There is a need in Bucks County for programs that will give older adults an opportunity to successfully age in place, delaying or avoiding unwanted relocation or institutionalization. Ours is the first home sharing program offered in Bucks County.

1. Our Home Sharing Housing Program brings together a homeowner (provider) who has a room to spare and a person (seeker) who is looking for a place to live. The provider and seeker each have a private bedroom, but both have full use of the rest of the provider's home. There are many benefits derived from such a housing strategy and there are many types of participants – for example, senior citizens, working professionals, students, individuals who cannot find affordable housing, single parents, or those who have reduced income.
2. The Home Share program was highlighted in the May 2026 issues of the Morrisville Times, Yardley, and Fairless Hills publications.

Home Share Program Update:

1. 451 intake calls were received
2. 14 homes were assessed, of which 6 were appropriate to offer as SHARE options
3. 17 introductions between home hosts and potential sharers
4. 10 trials took place because of introductions
5. 4 new signed agreements because of trials

6. 8 total share agreements during the year, the oldest match entering its third year on September 7.
7. 8 persons were referred to other county or non-profit services.
8. 26 persons were referred to food banks throughout the county.

IOC participates in monthly Pennsylvania Department of Aging meetings and meetings with the State and Bucks County Area Agency on Aging regarding budgets and programming.

Volunteer Engagement & Community Service

Volunteers are the heart of the Ivins Outreach Center and are essential to the success of every program we provide. Their compassion, dedication, and willingness to serve make it possible for us to reach hundreds of children, families, older adults, and vulnerable residents throughout Lower Bucks County each year. In addition to driving members to their appointments and making weekly phone calls to check on their well-being, many of our volunteers also support Ivins' monthly food drive, and have helped at our clinics, health expos and fundraisers. Our volunteers always go above and beyond.

During the 2025–2026 reporting year:

1. 54 volunteers supported the Staying Put and Cancer Care Programs, providing transportation to medical appointments, conducting weekly wellness calls, delivering meals, offering companionship, and assisting with community events and fundraising activities.
2. 25 volunteers supported the monthly community food distribution program, helping sort, pack, and distribute groceries to families experiencing food insecurity throughout the Lower Bucks County community.
3. The Ivins Outreach Center also serves as an approved Bucks County Court Mandated Community Service Site, providing meaningful volunteer opportunities for approximately 60 individuals completing court-ordered community service. The majority of these participants are completing requirements related to Driving Under the Influence (DUI) offenses. Through these service opportunities, participants contribute hundreds of volunteer hours assisting with food distributions, seasonal outreach programs, facility support, and community events while giving back to the community in a positive and productive way.
4. Whether transporting a senior to a life-saving medical appointment, distributing food to families in need, organizing holiday gifts for children, sorting winter coats, or supporting community events, our volunteers demonstrate the spirit of compassion and service that defines the Ivins Outreach Center. Their generosity of time and talent continues to strengthen our programs and improve the quality of life for those we serve.

21st Century Community Learning Centers (CCLC)

The 21st CCLC programs are school district initiatives; the contracts are with the individual school districts with the IOC written into the grants as a community partner. The IOC provides significant administrative, programmatic, and staffing support. We currently have approximately thirty 21st CCLC staff flowing through Ivins on a regular basis, including program directors, an administrative assistant, site coordinators, family coordinators (targeting the Hispanic community), and camp directors during the summer months.

Currently, there are seventeen free after-school programs operating across Bucks County, serving over 1,800 students. These programs are made possible through a combination of 21st Century Community Learning Centers (21st CCLC) funding from the Pennsylvania Department of Education, as well as Bucks County American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) and Opioid Settlement Funds. Through the Consortium Grant using Opioid Settlement Funds we were able to expand services and provide additional support to students in these same school districts, along with expanding our reach to an additional 1,322 students. However, this funding is also coming to an end.

The 21st CCLC programs are entering Year 5 of a five-year grant cycle. At of the time this report was written (August 2026), we have not received notification of additional funding beyond September 30, 2027.

New Project Overview: Expanding Access to Free After-School Programs

In addition to Bucks County, program expansion efforts now include:

- Three school sites in Beaver and Midland Counties, PA, hosting four after-school programs
- Three after-school programs in Orlando, Florida
- Two after-school programs in Miami, Florida
- One program in Atlanta, Georgia
- One program in North Carolina

This growing network reflects a strong commitment to supporting at-risk students through academic enrichment, family engagement, and wellness programming—tailored to meet both regional needs and the larger goals of opioid prevention and student success.

1. IOC coordinates after school programs in Bristol Borough School District, School District of Borough of Morrisville, Bucks County Technical School, Conwell Egan Catholic High School, Bensalem Township School District, Holy Trinity, St. Mark's, St Ephrems, St. Charles, Center for Student Learning, Bensalem Cornwell Elementary School, and Neshaminy High School District.
2. After school programs offer academic support, enrichment activities, snacks, and a hot supper served to all students free of charge.
3. The summer programs provide academics, arts, sports, STEM, and credit recovery classes as well as career readiness opportunities and are designed to reverse the summer learning loss that many students experience. Over 1,500 students were served in four Lower Bucks County school districts.

Food for Thought

Food for Thought is an after-school program offered to students in the Bucks County Technical High School Baking Department through the 21st CCLC grant. The students prepare meals for Staying Put seniors. The Independence Foundation funds ingredients used by students to prepare meals and baked goods, which continues to make a meaningful impact.

Each week during the fall and spring semesters, and during the summer 2025 program, students prepared breads, desserts, and meals that were delivered by our volunteers to approximately forty Staying Put, Cancer Care, and Home Share participants, providing nutritious meals while

fostering meaningful community connections between students and older adults.

Community Partnerships and Services

1. Hot meals are provided weekly to seniors, students in 21st CCLC after-school and summer programs, and families in need of food. The meals are through partnerships with Trenton Area Soup Kitchen, Philadelphia Archdiocese, PDE Feeding Program, Jewish Family and Children's Services of Mercer County, and Morrisville United Methodist Church.
2. Mobile Mammogram – In the fall of 2025, the IOC partnered with Penn Medicine to provide local community access to routine mammograms to those without insurance; allowing preventive health screenings for women who may otherwise go without and directly removing barriers to care. This was so well received that we had to schedule a second day to accommodate all the women who attended.
3. In December 2025, we had a vaccine clinic, health screenings & WOW (Workforce on Wheels, a mobile career resource vehicle that travels to communities to connect employers directly with job seekers) bus. The clinic included vaccines, health checks, eye checks and review of medications, an overall wellness outreach programming. Ensuring low-income families and minorities can access preventative care within their community they may otherwise not be able to access.
4. Participated in National Night Out and 100 Women of Bucks County
5. IOC participated in the Falls Township Senior Expo and continues working collaboratively with Representative Tina Davis and Representative Jim Prokopiak.
6. IOC remains committed to supporting vulnerable community members through collaboration, volunteer engagement, and strategic partnerships. Key priorities moving forward include strengthening aging-in-place services, expanding food access for older adults, supporting individuals navigating cancer treatment, building sustainable program models, and increasing community engagement and fundraising efforts.

Ivins Outreach 5K Run Through History

A major highlight this year was the success of our first "Run Through History 5K and 1-Mile Fun Run," which brought together community members, volunteers, sponsors, and supporters to raise awareness and funds for Cancer Care. Participants experienced Morrisville's historic landscape firsthand by running past local landmarks and along the Delaware River. This fundraiser was very successful and well attended, it was a great day. The IOC 5K was highlighted in the May issues of the Morrisville Times, Yardley, and Fairless Hills publications.

Success Stories and Testimonials

If there was ever a doubt in anyone's mind as to whether the Ivins Outreach Center has helped to change lives, here are just a few testimonials:

Gregory is a 70-year-old male with prostate cancer who lives in Bensalem. His cancer diagnosis is stage 4 and was extremely difficult for Gregory to handle alone. He lives on his own and does not have a local support network. He was overwhelmed by scheduling appointments, managing his care and understanding his treatment all while not feeling well from his care. The Cancer Care Team connected Gregory with Bucks County Area Agency on Aging, who assigned a social worker to provide assistance. Through this connection, Gregory

has received support from a home health aide three days per week. This has been an extremely positive connection for Gregory as he navigates his cancer treatment.

Cindy is a 75-year-old woman from Bristol who is new to the Cancer Care Program. Cindy has stage 4 metastatic lung cancer which has spread from her lungs to her liver and her bones. Cindy joined us in May 2026 and has had extremely intense treatments and was in poor health. Through the support of transportation and being able to get to her appointments, Cindy recently received positive news that her bloodwork has improved, she has regained lost weight, and she has a positive outlook and hope for her future.

Bernie and Barbara are Staying Put members; their daughter reached out to Ivins for support transporting her parents to their appointments, even though three of their children live locally. But due to their demanding jobs, it was becoming difficult for them to care and transport their parents to their many medical appointments. We have been successful in taking Bernie and Barbara to their appointments and alleviating family stress. The daughter was so appreciative that she has pledged to make regular donations to the Staying Put Program.

The partnerships we have with MPC, Morrisville United Methodist Church, YMCA of Lower Bucks County, the Bucks County Technical High School, United Way of Bucks County, Trenton Area Soup Kitchen (TASK), Bucks County Area Agency on Aging, Lower Bucks Chamber of Commerce, Penn Medicine, BCHIP - Bucks County Health Improvement Partnership, Springside School - coordination of volunteer opportunities for students with disabilities, Village to Village, WOW Bus (Workforce on Wheels) Springfield Pharmacy, (to name a few) are priceless. Then, of course, to all of those who have supported the Ivins Outreach Center throughout the years in a variety of ways, we are so very thankful.

We look forward to continuing to serve our community with God's grace and love with new ideas, new initiatives, and by improving what we already have in place.

Respectfully submitted,
Kathleen Foster – Ivins Outreach Center Volunteer



Food Center (FC)

Food Center's Mission is to provide supplemental food assistance to families in Lower Bucks County and the Trenton area. The Food Center has been doing this since 1997.



Operations

Clients drive their vehicles on the circular driveway leading to the portico every Wednesday morning from 9:00 to 11:30 a.m. The requisite number of prepacked food bags, based on family size, is placed in the vehicle, along with refrigerated meats and bags of vegetables and fruit. Clients can come once per month.

In 2025, the FC served an average of 103 families each week and over 13,500 people for the year, which was a slight decrease from 2024. The total amount of food provided in 2025 was over 210,000 pounds.



Volunteers come from several PA & NJ churches, synagogues, and the public. About three to five volunteers come during the day on Monday to receive produce deliveries from Philabundance and prepare individual bags containing vegetables and fruit. Another eight to fifteen volunteers come every Monday evening to pack grocery bags with nonperishable food, and another ten volunteers come on Wednesday to distribute food to clients. Also, several volunteers order and stock food for the pantry shelves, and pick up donated food, primarily breads and desserts, at various businesses and from the Bucks County Opportunity Council (BCOC) in Bristol.

Food Supply

Substantial donations are received weekly from Philabundance, which provides fresh produce and non-perishables; from the BCOC, which donates non-perishables; and from Applegate Farms, which donates meats. Volunteers pick up a variety of bread, desserts, and boxes of donated merchandise each week from McCaffrey's. The Food Center also benefits from food drives run by other local congregations, scouting groups, schools, the US Postal Service, and other community organizations.



Donations & Expenses

Total income from financial donations by individual donors, churches, social and service organizations, and businesses was over $55,000. The value of donated food was over $159,000, primarily from Philabundance and BCOC. The purchase of food was over $49,000. Total expense was over $213,000. The value of the distributed, if clients had to purchase it at grocery stores, is estimated to be four times the amount spent by the Food Center.

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Weekday Nursery School (WNS)

We played. We learned. We grew. The 2025-26 school year at MPC Weekday Nursery School was a success. Our full day Inventor class is continuing to grow. Because of the size of the class and the extra demand of the students in the full day setting, two teachers co-taught the class. This provided flexibility in grouping and allowed one teacher to take some students into a second classroom for more individualized instruction. During the afternoon portion of this class, students are exposed to different STEAM activities that enrich their learning. The students keep a weekly journal to enhance imagination and express their thoughts and feelings. We also do a lot of group activities to help students learn to problem solve in a group and navigate groups roles. Some quickly fall into the role of a leader, while others are more comfortable to be led.

The focus of our morning is to help children navigate learning through play. The social interaction among peers and the problem solving that happens during play are lifelong skills and create a strong foundation for academic learning that will happen in elementary school and beyond. Respect, forgiveness, compassion, and kindness are all Christian values and are naturally present in the play environment. Ephesians 4:32 "Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you." We also encourage students' confidence and courage to try new things. One thing we often say is "You can do hard things." Hearing someone tell you that, makes it easier to believe.

We are entering our third year of Camp Weekday. It runs for three consecutive one-week sessions. Each session is filled to capacity at twenty students. Each week includes stories, crafts, songs and games surrounding a theme. The children are outside as much as possible during camp. It's a nice transition into summer because the atmosphere maintains the general structure of our school-day, but is more relaxed because we are outside.

The fresh paint in our classrooms really brightened the environment. We are very pleased with the result. This summer we are upgrading the floor in our rooms and look forward to a clean, new space in which to learn. We are grateful to the church for upgrading the front door. We feel safer and more secure in the building. All of these changes are helping the school continue to thrive and make the school more inviting to new families.



WNS is lucky to be an outreach program of MPC and we, in turn, try to reach out to our local community. We focus our service projects on the MPC Food Bank and the Ivins Outreach Center so that our service connects closely with the missions of the church. Weekday Nursery School is licensed through the Pennsylvania Department of Education. Each member of our teaching staff has earned a master's degree and is certified by the Pennsylvania State Board of Education.

2025-26 WNS Staff:

- Joanie Layden, Director since 2023 and Teacher since 2021 – 5-day Inventors and Full Day Inventors (4 YO)
- Amy Kieley, Teacher since 2021 – Half-Pints (2.7 YO) and Explorers (3YO)
- Emily Bausher, Teacher since 2021 – Half-Pints (2.7 YO) and Explorers (3 YO)
- Melissa Benson, Teacher since 2024 – 4-day Inventors (4YO)
- Jill Hay, Aide since 2015
- Caitrin McLean, Aide since 2023
- Jennifer Schaeffer, Aide since 2024

The teaching staff is grateful for the support and dedication of MPC and our Board of Directors. All Board members are unpaid volunteers apart from the treasurer, enrollment secretary, and director who receive a stipend for their work.

2025-26 WNS Board of Directors:

Director	Joanie Layden	Recording Secretary	Emily Ross
Chairperson	Meaghan Corini	Member at Large	Beth Rainville
Treasurer	Bronwyn Hinds	Parent Representative	Regina Madden
Enrollment Secretary	Michelle Jennings	Parent Representative	Kristin Miller
EMC Representative	Jill Monroe Dillon	Parent Representative	Alex Buente

Tuition and Enrollment by Class for the 2025-26 School Year



- Inventors (4YO) – 26 students enrolled
  - 4 mornings – $3952
  - 5 mornings – $4868
  - 3 full days – $5400
  - 3 full and 2 mornings – $7204
- Explorers (3YO) – 14 students enrolled
  - 3 mornings – $3536
- Half-Pints (2Y7M) - 9 students enrolled
  - $2996





Cub Scouts/Pack 3 - Morrisville, PA

Pack Leadership Team	
Charter Organization Representative	Bill Burgess
Committee Chair	Stephanie Huston
Cubmaster	Connor Scholl



This year, Pack 3 had Cub Scouts in the Tiger, Wolf, Bear, and Arrow of Light Dens. We had three new Cub Scouts join us this year, including sisters Sophie & Grace, who are the first-ever registered girls in Pack 3. Each den also has a registered den leader.

Since September, the Cubs have worked on their rank requirements through weekly den meetings, community service projects, hiking at Silver Lake Nature Center, and camping with Troop 3. One of the favorite outings this year was working on the Aquatics adventure with an evening swim at the NAC in November.



Cubs enjoyed a variety of outings and activities along with Troop 3 and really get excited about Scouting when they have opportunities to be with the older Scouts. This year's joint activities included our Back to Pack Campfire, camping in October, Scoutsgiving, swimming at the NAC, our annual Scout Banquet, Memorial Day Flag Placement, and marching together in the Memorial Day Parade.



Snow canceled quite a few activities this winter, including the Pack's Annual Pinewood Derby Race. Fortunately, Cubs were welcome to participate in the district Pinewood Derby held at Oxford Valley Mall.



All dens met weekly from early October through June and earned their ranks. Our Arrow of Light Den met weekly from early October through January when they both crossed over into Troop 3. Sophie was the first girl to ever earn the Arrow of Light Rank with Pack 3, and the first girl to ever crossover into Troop 3 - their other female scouts were never in Cub Scouts.

Cub Scouts have a chance to earn their Summer Time Activity Adventure at each level by participating in Cub Scouts through the summer months. This summer's activities include Cub Nights at Ockanickon Scout Reservation hosted by the OA, the 5th Annual Community Fishing Derby hosted by Troop 3, National Night Out, and co-hosting the 115th Anniversary Potluck Picnic.

Cub Scouts by the Numbers

- 5 registered youth
- 7 registered adults - Cubmaster, Committee Members, and Den Leaders
- 87 required & elective adventures completed
- 7 ranks earned
- 2 crossovers to Troop 3
- 30+ miles hiked
- 41+ hours of community service



Scouting America Troop 3 - Morrisville, PA

Chartered Organization

Chartered Organization Rep: Bill Burgess
Scoutmaster: John Waslenko
Committee Chair: Stephanie Huston
Senior Patrol Leader: Wyatt Newill



Troop 3 is celebrating 115 years in 2026! This makes us the oldest continuous troop in Bucks County, and one of the oldest troops in the nation.

Scouting looks different now than it did even a few years ago. The national organization has changed names, and we are now known as Scouting America. In 2025, Troop 3 participated in the combined troop pilot program where both male & female scouts would participate as a single scout unit. After the success of the pilot program, we are pleased to announce that Troop 3 is what is called a "Family Troop" which means we serve all youth ages 10 ½ to 17. The Family Troop option has opened a lot of doors for our Scouts this year and gives youth in our community more options and ways to get involved in Scouting. Even though the name of the national organization has changed, a lot of things are exactly the same as they have always been. Our Scouts are still working on advancement skills and merit badges each Monday evening in Fellowship Hall. They still provide service to our community and learn to be productive citizens.





Time-honored traditions like Scoutsgiving, the Christmas tree sale, participating in Holly Nights at Pennsbury Manor, Memorial Day flag placement and parade, and summer camp are the cornerstones to our annual calendar.



Camping is still a big part of the Scouting program. Last summer, Troop 3 went to Niagara Falls and camped at Four Mile Creek State Park. Weekend camping trips were to Camp Oakspring, Roosevelt Scout Reservation, Fort Washington State Park, Ockanickon Scout Reservation.

We also just wrapped up our annual week at summer camp, where our entire active youth membership was in attendance. This was the first time four of our scouts have ever been to summer camp. Everyone had a successful week completing their rank advancements, merit badges, and making memories. Favorite activities included time at the pool, open COPE, climbing, and the troop's annual game night.



Troop 3 isn't slowing down just because it's summer this year. This July, we will be hosting our 5th Annual Community Fishing Derby and camping on Cape Cod for a long weekend. August brings National Night Out and a potluck picnic celebrating our 115th Anniversary, which is open to all alumni and community members.



Scouts BSA Troop 3 by the Numbers:

- 12 youth registered as Scouts
- 15 adults registered as Scoutmaster, Assistant Scoutmasters, and Committee Members
- Over 115 hours of community service
- 192 nights of camping
- Over 747 miles of hiking
- 10 rank advancements
- 44 merit badges
- 12 special awards









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