

# MORROW MEMORIAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

## Connected

April May  
2017

### Easter at Morrow

#### Holy Thursday

7:30 p.m. Communion in the Sanctuary

#### Holy Friday

7:30 p.m. Music and Readings in the Sanctuary

#### Easter Sunday

8:30 a.m. Chapel

10:30 a.m. Sanctuary



### Message from Pastor Brad

Easter is one of the biggest worship celebrations of the year. The message of the resurrection is celebrated through all our senses: the sounds of the choir, the bells and Brass instruments, the sights and smells of the lilies and flowers, the touch of embracing those who have returned home for the Easter holiday, and the taste of coffee and refreshment after worship. This Easter will include all those experiences. Please invite your neighbors and friends to celebrate Easter at Morrow Church with us this year.

One difference this Holy Week is that many of our families will be away because Holy week is also a school vacation break for many. And while we hope people will have a wonderful Easter wherever they may be, we are concerned that attendance could affect our Easter offering. The Easter offering is one of three holiday offerings that the church counts on to meet our budget deficits. More than ever the church needs people to give generously. Even if you will be celebrating Easter away from home, please consider a generous Easter offering so that we can continue to bring Christ's hope to people without the anxiety of a financial deficit. May your gift be one more way in which you bring the message of Easter's hope to others.

Happy Easter,  
Brad Motta, Senior Pastor

### Save the Date!

**Sunday, April 23**

**Green Faith  
Sunday  
&  
Holocaust  
Remembrance**

**Sunday, April 30**

**Cans &  
Casseroles  
Round-Up  
Meeting  
9:15 a.m.**

**Sunday, May 7**

**Holy  
Communion  
& Music  
from  
"Sister Act"**

**Sunday, May 21**

**Worship Arts  
The Rock  
Slinger  
And His  
Greatest Hits**

**Sunday, June 4**

**10:30 a.m.  
Worship  
Festival Anthems  
With the  
Chancel Choir**

## Green Faith Sunday

Sunday April 23, 2017

**Reverend Fletcher Harper  
Executive Director, GreenFaith**

**“Faiths Rising to Protect Creation”**

**8:30 a.m. Worship in Ivy Chapel**

**9:30 a.m. Open Discussion Fellowship Hall**

**10:30 a.m. Service in the Sanctuary**

***Six days before the Peoples Climate March in Washington, explore how Morrow, with interested partners, can create a multi-faith initiative for the environment with GreenFaith and press for progressive climate policies in the Garden State***



## IHN at Morrow Church this May

### Morrow Church Providing Emergency Shelter

We will be hosting IHN families the weeks of May 21st through June 4th. If you want to volunteer your services during our hosting weeks, you can sign up via “Sign-Up Genius” on our website or through a link from our eblast.

If you have any questions, please contact Karen Jones: [wengerjones@verizon.net](mailto:wengerjones@verizon.net) or 973-325-6674.

We are very appreciative of our volunteers who provide toiletries, stock our pantry, make dinners, socialize with our families, and stay overnight to chaperone. Our main goal is to have a shower installed at Morrow Church so our families can get clean on the premises.



## SOMA Interfaith Holocaust Remembrance Service and March

Sunday April 23, 2017

**2:00 p.m. The March of Remembrance  
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The March of Remembrance will begin at 2:00 p.m. in Ricalton Square in Maplewood Village and proceed to Morrow for the Service of Remembrance at 3:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary followed by a reception in Fellowship Hall.

This year’s service will at Morrow Church be the official NJ State Holocaust Remembrance Service. It will also be the 40<sup>th</sup> consecutive annual service sponsored by the South Orange/Maplewood Interfaith Holocaust Committee.

In these perilous times, let us all come together to remember the Holocaust and to remind us how much we all need each other.

For more information contact Jim Ferruggiaro at [jimferruggiaro@gmail.com](mailto:jimferruggiaro@gmail.com)

## Rebooting Lent Wrap-Up

### Cans & Casseroles Round-Up Meeting

Rebooting our Ministry with the Hungry

April 30 @ 9:15 Fellowship Hall

Help us reboot our ministry with the Hungry. Over the 5 weeks of Lent, we have heard from the key organizations who are working to alleviate food insecurity in our community including:

- Meeting Emergency Needs with Dignity (MEND)
- Toni's Kitchen, the Food Ministry of St Luke's Episcopal Church in Montclair, NJ.
- Community Gardens-Rent Party & Seth Boyden
- America's Grow-A-Row
- Mazon: A Jewish Response to Hunger

On April 30<sup>th</sup> at the Adult Education class held in Fellowship Hall at 9:15, we will have a discussion about what we have heard and start to craft our response to hunger in our community. *If you care about food insecurity in our community please join us, whether or not you were able to attend any of the sessions.* If you are interested, you can view the highlight videos from the Cans & Casseroles sessions on the Modern Church Lady YouTube Channel:

<http://bit.ly/2noiESQ>

Looking forward to seeing you there!

Dorothy Wetzel



## Morrow Church's Refugee Support Programs

Morrow Church's refugee program has been in high gear lately, energized by the threats of refugee bans coming out of Washington. Guided by a Refugee Sub-committee of the Community and Global Outreach Committee, the program has two main channels of support. First, the ongoing hosting of a Syrian refugee family, the Alarghas, and a program for visiting immigrants to the US, who have been incarcerated in Newark-area prisons while their applications for formal admission to our country are being adjudicated.

Morrow Church members continue to provide services: contributing clothes that children have grown out of; a volunteer recently helped with their acquiring a portable washing machine; another provided valuable medical advice in Rana's case. We will continue to keep our "circle of friends" open as a way for more members to help meet any new challenges that may appear.

*This spring the Community and Global Outreach committee is gearing up to host another Syrian family and is revising and strengthening its Circle of Friends model for doing so. When this is ready, the Committee will put out an announcement for funding and volunteer support.*

### Visiting Immigrant Detainees

*About 40% of detainees in the local detention centers are not being visited by volunteers. First Friends is working to increase the number of visitors, and our program at Morrow Church is ready at any time to accept and train new volunteers. For more information about volunteering contact Dean Nielsen ([dnielsen434@gmail.com](mailto:dnielsen434@gmail.com)).*

Read the full article on our website: [morrowchurch.org](http://morrowchurch.org)



**There's still time to sign-up for our summer service trips and camp!**



**Christian Outreach Project (9th - 12th grades)**  
**Immokalee Connection Week (8th - 12th grades)**  
**Week of Care (4-8th grades)**

**Vacation Bible School (Pre-K - 5th grades)**

Full brochure available at [www.morrowchurch.org](http://www.morrowchurch.org)  
 Copies are also available outside of the Church Office

**Morrow Members to host Syrian Supper Club events. All are welcome.**

Join us for our first Syrian Supper Club events. Dorothy Wetzel (April 22) and Natalie Farfan (May 6) are our first dinner hosts. We invite you to sign up for these dinners or to host your own (if your home has room for 16-20 guests). Learn more about the initiative and sign up for the dinners. For more information, please contact Jennifer Nielsen at (c) 202-294-6304 or [jnnielsen2000@gmail.com](mailto:jnnielsen2000@gmail.com)



### What's coming up in music?

**May 21** -- our children's choirs present the story of David and Goliath in "The Rock Slinger and His Greatest Hit," during 10:30 a.m. worship.

**June 4** -- special music presented at 10:30 a.m. worship by the Chancel Choir: two festival anthems for choir and organ: Te Deum in C by Benjamin Britten, and "The Evening Choir" by Carson Cooman.

**June 11** -- A special recital featuring Kristin Carbone, voice; Cynthia Richards, cello; and Holland Jancaitis, with friends, featuring music by American composers from the classical and Broadway genres. 4 p.m. in the Sanctuary.

### MMPS Family Outreach



Each month MMPS families participate in an outreach project.

On Saturday, March 25<sup>th</sup>, twenty-five MMPS families participated in decorating lunch bags and making sandwiches for the hungry. One hundred lunch bags were made in total. Our MYF members personally delivered all of these lunches to the Irvington Food Pantry on Sunday, March 26<sup>th</sup>. We hope to have more events tying our ministries together in the near future!

### Ways to stay in touch with Morrow Church

 [www.morrowchurch.org](http://www.morrowchurch.org)

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