

*So. Montrose Community Church
August, 2013 Newsletter*

From Our Paster

I handed this out at worship on Sunday, July 28th. I would like to share this as my message to you this August. Jesus had a very personal relationship with the Creator and we can too. Let's take some time to think about the Lord's Prayer. We say it every week at worship and even at some weddings and most funerals, but do we really think about what we are saying? Do we know the meaning behind the words? This month, refresh yourself with the Lord's Prayer. Think of your God as "Dad" or "Daddy". What a refreshing difference one word can make as you pray. Blessings on the journey.

Pastor Jane

Our Father:

The gospel tells us of the disciples asking Jesus to teach them how to pray and his response with the Our Father as the model prayer. (Some prefer to call it the "Disciples' Prayer.") An anonymous author penned the following meditation on the prayer.

"The entire Disciples' Prayer must be something that flows out of a truly committed heart. It ought to be a definition of your spirit, your attitude toward God, what is inside you. An unknown author put it this way:

*I cannot say "our" if I live only for myself

*I cannot say "Father" if I do not endeavor each day to act like his child.

*I cannot say "who art in heaven" if I am laying up no treasure there.

*I cannot say "hallowed be thy name" if I am not striving for holiness.

*I cannot say "Thy kingdom come" if I am not doing all in my power to hasten that wonderful event.

*I cannot say "Thy will be done" if I am disobedient to God's word.

*I cannot say "on earth as it is in heaven" if I'll not serve God here and now.

*I cannot say "give us this day our daily bread" if I am dishonest or seeking things by subterfuge.

*I cannot say "forgive us our debts" if I harbor a grudge against anyone.

*I cannot say "lead us not into temptation" if I deliberately place myself in its path.

*I cannot say "deliver us from evil" if I do not put on the whole armor of God.

And for the Protestant ending:

*I cannot say "Thine is the kingdom" if I do not give the King the loyalty due God from a faithful subject

*I cannot attribute to God the "power" if I fear what people may do.

*I cannot ascribe to God the "glory" if I'm seeking honor only for myself.

*I cannot say "forever" if the horizon of my life is bounded completely to time.

The Our Father gives us what we might call the three "R's" of prayer: 1. Prayer as ritual and therefore something we can safely come back to, sometimes recited by rote yet always there to comfort. 2. Prayer as a reminder of God's care for us and unconditional love for us. 3. Prayer

as rejuvenator that gets us going again through the power of God's Spirit.
(taken from the newsletter of the Catholic Community of Pleasanton, CA)



Person In The Spotlight **Charlie Denkenberger**

What was your profession?

I was a high school math teacher. As a second job I coached tennis for 18 years (almost every year some of my players qualified for states) and taught tennis in the summer.

What was the part of your job that you enjoyed the most?

I enjoyed and still enjoy the satisfaction teaching and communicating with students. I am amazed that after being retired for 13 years I still have former students come up to me and tell me that I was the best teacher they ever had and how I had prepared them well for college.

Tell us about your children/grandchildren.

We have four children – Sean, Nate, David, and Thomas. We are very proud

of them. They all did exceptionally well in school and are successful in their careers. Any gray hairs that I have are not their fault. We have two grandchildren, Audrey and Julia, who live a long ways away in Durango, CO. We also have one the way.

You and Martha travel extensively. What was your favorite place to visit?

We have been to so many of God's beautiful creations that it is hard to pick one. We have explored more than 30 National Parks which I feel are the finest scenery on the planet. But of course Austria and Switzerland were also magnificent.

No story about a fisherman can be written without a "fish story". Can you tell us your best one?

Once again I have been fortunate to be able to fish in many awesome places and my stories would be too long to fit in this format.

Where did you grow up?

I grew up on a farm near East Troy, PA. We always had plenty of work to do but it was a good life.

High School? College?

Troy High School. BS from Mansfield State College. Masters from Wilkes College.

Have you always attended church?

Yes

Do you have a favorite hymn/bible story? Why?

The one where Jesus saves the woman from being stoned by saying, "Let he who is without sin cast the first stone." I like this because I think too many people

including some “good” Christians are too quick to judge other people.

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Besides fishing, what do you do for enjoyment?

Over the years I have been passionate about many activities, to name a few: chess, tennis, photography, travel, and birding.

What is your favorite television show?

Nature on PBS

Has there been a time in your life when your faith pulled you through a rough spot, or when you could really see God working in you?

I feel God has always been with me with the ups and downs and has blessed me in so many ways.

Is there anything else about Charlie Denkenberger that you would like your church family to know?

I am very grateful for my wonderful wife and family and I appreciate the support of a fantastic church family. I hope to continue this marvelous adventure called life for as long as I can and when the end comes I will look back and know that God has blessed me with a more amazing life than I ever could imagine.

**Happenings at
Montrose Bible Conference**

Tim Zimmerman & The King's Brass

A Special Concert!

Thursday, August 8, 2013 at 7:30 p.m.

No Tickets Necessary! Freewill Offering will be received.

Questions? Call 570-278-1001 or
mbc@MontroseBible.org

Seniors

Bible Conference: August 11-16, 2013

Sunday, 7:30 p.m. Concert by George and Kathy Abbas

Speakers: Dr. David Clemens and Dr. Dino Pedrone, President, Davis College

Young at Heart-----11 a.m. Wednesday during the Conference Program

Financial Planning Seminar

Wednesday at 1:30 p.m. with Bernie Bostwick and Adrian Young of Ambassador Advisors.

TREHAB FOOD BANK WISH LIST

Canned or Dry Soup
Spaghetti and Spaghetti Sauce
Canned Fruits
Canned Vegetables
Peanut Butter and Jelly
Boxed Cereals
Boxed Meals
Canned Tuna or Chicken
Boxed Mac & Cheese
Canned Apple Sauce
Canned Baked Beans

Donations can be dropped off at the church or you can drop off directly at the Food Bank. Food Bank is open from 9 a.m. till 3:30 p.m. Closed for Lunch between Noon and 1 p.m. Closed on Fridays.

Thanks for your generosity!

Our church's float took 2nd prize in July 4th parade. A BIG thanks to Kelly & Sue Pratt for hard work!!

Women's Resource Center
We are your safe place

We have changed our face and renewed our commitment to being the community's "safe place".

Summertime is a time for celebrating our independence and sharing activities with our families, friends, and loved ones. Survivors of domestic violence and sexual assault do not have that privilege. The day to day strategies survivors must employ to stay safe robs them of their fundamental right for liberty and freedom. WRC is dedicated to assisting these individuals with safety, crisis intervention and housing.

Last year alone.....

**The Women's Resource Center helped \$1,420 victims of domestic violence and 274 victims of sexual assault.

**WRC's Safehouse program provided immediate shelter to 62 women and 46 children.

**WRC's hotline, a crisis related service which operates 24 hours per day, handling over 13,380 emergency calls.

**The Barbara J. Hart Justice Center, a satellite of WRC, provided legal assistance, including Protection from Abuse Orders, as well as petitions for child custody, spousal/child support and divorce to 124 program participants.

Your thoughtful donation can help a woman achieve safety, allow her children to live without a looming threat of violence, or provide emergency room support to a child violated by a sexual predator.

Our advocacy programs offer safety, justice, and stability to those in dire need. These services are made possible in large part through generosity from the individual members of our community like you.

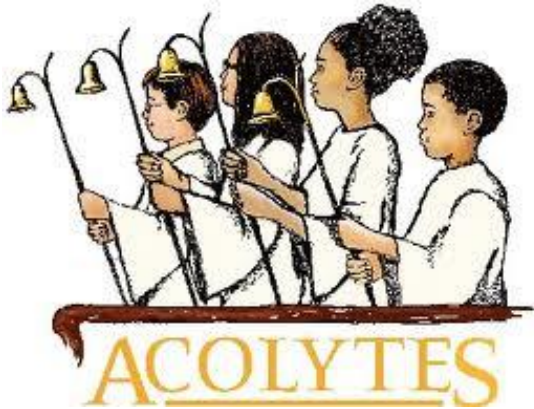
Elaine Shepard, President,
Colleen Pettinato, Vice President,
WRC Association

Saving Graces at
Wyoming County Fair

Our own ladies singing group, Saving Graces, will be singing in Meshoppen at the Wyoming County Fair, on Saturday, August 31, 2013 at noon. Join us at the fair!!



The church was badly in need of a coat of paint. So the pastor decided he'd do the job himself. But all he had was one bucket of paint. So he got a bunch of buckets and some water, and he thinned the paint enough to cover the entire church. Then he spent all day painting. That night it rained—very hard—and washed all the paint off. The pastor was quite discouraged and asked God, "Why...why God, did you let it rain and wash off all my hard work?" To which God thundered his reply, "Repaint! Repaint! And thin no more!"



Susquehanna County, Devin, Arden Baker, Jean Weaver, Wayne Littlejohn, Debbie Bush, Jim Ochse, Joanne McCain, Sarah and Bill, Tina Barton, Robert Atticks, Sr., Alan McCarthy, Liz Oliver, Reva Cline, Julie Fair, Randy Ward, Mary Helen Booth, Dewey Hunsinger, Keith Pratt, John Paul Jones, Helen Crotta, Charlotte Maxey Ellis, Lisa Steele, Aaron Olah, Brooke Arnold, Dee Pierson, Dick Millard, Duane Snell, Helen Petersen, Debbie Brewer, Terri Franks, Butch Rosenkrans, Jonathan and Daniel Snell, Katherine, David & Mary Ann Pierce, Sarah Manzer, Sterling Barefoot, Les Hawley, Josh Capwell, Helen Grick, Mary Ann Solonowitz, teachers and students, those in the military, the unemployed, those in nursing homes, people in prison, our country, our world, our church and each other

<u>Date</u>	<u>Acolyte</u>	<u>Nursery</u>
8/4	Cole	Annette
8/11	Kayleen	Annette
8/18	Elizabeth	Janet
8/25	Clay	Kelly

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Our Prayers

In the church: Dick Allen and family, Phyllis Valentine, Sally Ayres, Dawn Arnold & family, Melba Watkins, Joyce & Don Blaisure, Nic Remington, Ben Owen, Harry Snell, Theresa Owen, Craig Estelle, June Bishop, Marian Nye, Alice Porter, Belma Herrala, Doris Sebring, Doris

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Larnerd, Bob Dalrymple, Gladys Barber, Peggy Wood, Kathryn Sterling

In our community: Dominic, Those struggling with addictions, our teenagers in

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