

**South Montrose Community
Church
February, 2013 Newsletter**

Announcements & Happenings!

If you need a statement of giving for 2012 for tax purposes, please call me at 278-9403, or email me at mh0924@epix.net.

Thanks, Mary Hinds

Annual Gospel Fest

Our annual Gospel Fest will be held here at the church on Saturday, February 16, 2013. A covered dish dinner will begin at 5:30, (meat, drinks and table settings provided). The music starts around 6:45. This year will feature Spark Gospel Singers, Saving Graces, SMCC Choir and more! A free will offering will be taken. Angie and Gigi are going to help out in the kitchen, but we could use 2 or 3 other people that could help clean up after the dinner. Please let Angie or Mary know if you can help, thanks!!

Ken Davis Program

Ken Davis is a christian comedian who travels around the country speaking. The Family Life Network (a christian radio station based in Bath, NY) is sponsoring a program on Friday March 22, 2013 at the First Baptist Church in Johnson City, NY. This is a wonderful opportunity, he is a wonderful speaker and SOOOO funny. We have watched one of his videos a ton of times and still laugh every time! We have a group of 15 people going already, if you would like to join us, let me know and I can order tickets for you. Or you can go to FLN.org and look up their event

calendar to purchase tickets. They are \$15.00 each and are general admission. Join us for a fun night out!!

Mary Hinds

Soup Night

January has seemed to be our slowest month for soup night in the past. We don't usually have a big number of guests. This January I was even a little more concerned that we'd have tons of left over soup because about 3:45 it started really snowing & covered the roads quickly. But as usual God sent just the right people. 64 of them. Some of our friends from New Milford joined us too.

Janet led casual worship since Pastor Jane was away. It was a nice evening and we were able to get cleaned up early so everyone could get home and off the slippery roads.

The donations were still very generous even though we had a smaller group. We received \$203. I donated \$53 to the food bank and saved \$150 for February soup night. We had more left over bread and produce than usual but the food bank was happy to get it since they don't get fresh bread or vegetables very often. People really appreciate something different and fresh.

Our next soup night is on Monday, February 18. Casual worship starts at 4:00 with Pastor Jane. Kelly Pratt will be playing his guitar and singing to us. Our dinner starts at 4:30. So come out and join us. Even though Valentine's Day will have been 4 days earlier there is usually a feeling of love in the air at February's soup night. I try to decorate with roses and red hearts. And of course...chocolate. The soups will be vegetable beef with rice & cheeseburger soup. See ya there!

Chris Smith

Sunday School

The kids have been learning a lot this month in Sunday School. We started a curriculum in September that helps us teach the children about Moses and his special journey with the Israelites. Each month is separated into a unit with 4 sessions. The unit uses the same Bible verse and “leap of faith” for the 4 sessions. This helps the kids understand and incorporate the Bible verse and use the “leap of faith” in their own life.

Mary Hinds has been teaching Korena, Kayleen and Clay. Annette Salsman, along with special helper Cassy, have been teaching the little ones, Matthew, Kohen, Levi, Chloe, Elizabeth and Cole. We switch months with each other teaching the kids. It works out nicely for the teachers as well as the Sunday School Super Stars, as we’ve renamed them.

In January their Bible verse was Psalm 77:11 But I will remember the Lord’s deeds; yes, I will remember your wondrous acts from long past. The children now have it memorized and have also learned it in sign language. Their “leap of faith” was GOD IS WITH ME WHEN I NEED HELP. Kids and adults alike need to be reminded of that occasionally.

They learned about Moses birth and about the baby in the basket. They learned about how God chose Moses and started speaking to him through a burning bush. They learned about God’s people being slaves in Egypt and the awesome things God did to release them from the Pharaoh’s control. They learned about God parting the Red Sea and how God led them through the wilderness. God was in a cloud by day and a flame by night. Pretty awesome!

Next month they will learn about the Ten Commandments, A House for God,

and God choosing Joshua. The verse they will be learning is Psalm 100:5 Because the Lord is good, his loyal love lasts forever, his faithfulness lasts generation after generation. The “leap of faith” will be GOD IS WITH ME IN TIMES OF CHANGE.

Chris Smith

Acolyte, Snack & Nursery Schedule

Feb. 3 Feb 10 Feb 17 Feb 24

Acolyte: Clay Elizabeth Cassy Tanner

Nursery: Brenda Mary Annette Angie

Snack: Brenda Mary Annette Angie

Happenings at Montrose Bible Conference

COUPLES WEEKENDS

February 1-3:

Speakers: Dennis and Lucille Madeira

Musicians: Michael and Denise Warner

February 8-10

Speaker: Craig Peters

Musicians: Amy and Patrick Fata

Each Program begins on Friday evening, supper is served at 6 p.m., and concludes with Sunday lunch.

For more information and reservations, contact Montrose Bible Conference, 218 Locust St., Montrose, PA 18801

Phone: 570-278-1001 or 1-800-598-5030, email: mbc@MontroseBible.org

TEEN SNOW CAMP

February 22nd-24th

---Challenging Talks, Relationship Building, Inspiring Worship

---Challenging Team Games, Awesome Food, Building Friendships
---SNOW, We Hope! Tubing, Indoor Climbing Wall, Indoor Ga-ga, Gym Sports, Paintball Target Range and more
---Price: \$89 per person. Price includes 2 nights and 5 meals and all activities. 1 Free person for every 7 guests.
---Free T-Shirt for Everyone!

Make your reservations now by calling 570-278-1001

SPRING QUILT RETREAT
February 28th through March 2nd

We will be teaching Snowy Stars Quillow. A Quillow is a quilt that folds into a pillow.

Fabric and preparation information will be sent after you register.

\$40 plus meals as desired for all commuters.

Register by calling the Montrose Bible Conference at 1-800-598-5030
Email: mbc@MontroseBible.org
Website: www.MontroseBible.org

Our Prayers

In the church: Nic Remington, Ben Owen, Harriet Snell, Theresa Owen, Sue VanDermark, June Allen, Craig Estelle, Merle Tyler, June Bishop, Marion Nye, Alice Porter, Belma Herrala, Doris Sebring, Doris Larnerd, Bob Dalrymple, Gladys Barber, Peggy Wood, Kathryn Sterling, Joyce & Don Blaisure.

In our community: Alan McCarthy, Rauch & Lawrence families, Julie Fair, Corey Hollister, Noah & Naomi, Liz Oliver, Reva Cline, Randy Ward, Mary Helen Booth, Tom & Carolyn Reese, Gerald Colver, Dewey Hunsinger, Keith Pratt, John Paul Jones, Helen Crotta, Charlotte Maxey Ellis, Lisa Steele, Connie Williams, Aaron Olah,

Brooke Arnold, Dee Pierson, Dick Millard, Duane Snell, Helen Petersen, Debbie Brewer, Sharon Rosenkrans, Terry Franks, Butch Rosenkrans, Jonathan & Daniel Snell, Katherine, David & Mary Ann Pierce, Sarah Manzer, Sterling Barefoot, Les Hawley, Josh Capwell, teachers & students, those in the military, the unemployed, flood victims and flood relief workers, those in nursing homes, people in prison, our country, our world, our church and each other.



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