

So. Montrose
Community Church
June, 2013 Newsletter

From Our Pastor

Dear Family and Friends,

Here it is June already! The months are going by so quickly. Memorial day has passed and we are now officially in the summer season. I look forward to the warmth of summer days and the comfortable summer evenings in my lawn chair. On June 16th this month we celebrate a very important day--Father's Day. Have you ever wondered how we came to celebrate it here in America? Well, let me share some of the background with you. The celebration of Father's Day began when Sonora Dodd wanted to honor her father, William Smart.

Her mother died giving birth to her sixth child, and Mr. Smart was left to raise six children alone. They lived on a rural farm in Washington state, so life wasn't easy. After Sonora became an adult, she realized how much it took for her father to raise her family alone and wanted a day to honor him as a courageous and loving father. She spoke to her pastor, and they dedicated Sunday, June 19th as Father's Day. Sonora wore a red rose to honor her dad during his life and a white rose to honor her dad after his death. In 1924 President Calvin Coolidge made the third Sunday in June a day to honor fathers, and in 1966 President Lyndon Johnson signed a presidential proclamation to that effect. Father's Day is when we stop and look at our dads and thank God for them. If you are reading this and thinking, "I don't have a Dad." I would encourage you to think of a person in your life that has been a father figure to you over the years and honor that person in your heart.

In Psalm 103, the author says that God is "like a father to his children" and then describes the behavior of a father as "tender

and compassionate." I realize that not all of our fathers are tender and compassionate, in reality some fathers are harsh, absent, abusive, or lacking in understanding. For those folks who have had troubled childhoods, hopefully there is another person that has acted as a father figure to you that has brought joy, acceptance and understanding in your life.

As you think about celebrating on June 16th, let us honor the men in our lives that have been true fathers, men filled with compassion, tenderness, and faithfulness.

And remember to take some time out of your busy schedule to sit in your lawn chair and enjoy the summer evenings this month.

Pastor Jane



Congratulations Graduates!!

Jesse Frystak graduated from Penn Tech with an associate's degree in machine tool technology. He plans to work on the farm with Jim and start his own machine shop.

Cassy Salsman is graduating from Elk Lake High School. She took Cosmetology at the Susquehanna County Career and Technology Center, and will soon be taking her test to receive her license in cosmetology. In July she will begin classes at McCann School of Business and Technology in massage therapy.

Brent Salsman has graduated from Misericordia University with a dual degree in Computer Science and Information Technology. He will continue there in the fall working on his Master's Degree in both fields. He is working for the University.

John Glen Vandermark graduated May 18, 2013 from Indiana University of Pennsylvania with honors, receiving a Bachelor of Arts Degree. He has moved to Carlisle, PA where he will marry his fiancé, Shannon Maag, in August.

Marcie Blair graduated from Penn State University/Wilkes Barre with an associate degree in Business Administration. She is the daughter of Terri Blair and sister of Michelle Brace.

Person In The Spotlight
Cassy Salsman



What has been your our favorite memory from high school?

C: being part of the cross country team who have won the state championship two times and have took 2nd in the state as well.

What sports have you been active in. Any special sports memories?

C: the answer above

What other activities did you take part in?

C: I participate in soup night, track and field, cross country, and painting.

What is your favorite movie?

C: My favorite movies definitely has to be The Lord of the Rings

You have participated in many activities in our church. How has that helped you become the person you are now?

C: so basically I participate in everything possible at church, and it's helped me become more outgoing because as most people know, I was a very shy child. It's also taught me how to be respectful to people.

Soon you will be graduating from Elk Lake School District. What are your plans?

C: After college I am planning on

attending McCann School of Business and Technology in Dickson city for professional massage therapy.

Most people probably don't know that you are a wonderful artist. What is your favorite medium, and where do you get your inspiration from?

C: I usually only use acrylic paint, but on occasion I like to use oil paint. I get my inspiration from almost anything, from being outside to something I saw on TV.

Do you have a favorite verse or story from the Bible?

C: Noah's ark has always been my favorite bible story.

Float for July 4th Parade

The theme of this year's 4th of July parade is "A Good Neighbor 4th", so our church will be featuring Chris Smith & "Soup Night" on the float. Please see Sue or Kelly Pratt about helping with setting up and decorating the float. Singers will be needed! If you can't be on the float, please come out to the parade and check it out!

	Nursery	Acolyte
6/2	Chris	Kayleen
6/9	Brenda	Clay
6/16	Mary	Elizabeth
6/23	Janet	Cassy
6/30	Angie	Tanner

No snacks in June.

Birthdays

Mike Hinds	June 11
Ben Hinds	June 17

Father's Day Poem

God took the strength of a mountain,
The majesty of a tree,
The warmth of a summer sun,
The calm of a quiet sea,
The generous soul of nature,
The comforting arm of night,
The wisdom of the ages,
The power of the eagle's flight,
The joy of a morning in spring,

The faith of a mustard seed,
The patience of eternity,
The depth of a family need,
Then God combined these qualities,
When there was nothing more to add,

He knew His masterpiece was complete,
And so, He called it...
Dad

- Anonymous

**Happenings at
Montrose Bible Conference**

**Young At Heart Luncheons
Wednesday, June 12th**

"Navigating the Last Phase of Your Legacy
Plan"

Bernie Bostwick, Ambassador Advisors
Begins at 10:30am and concludes with
Lunch

**Underground Railroad
Wednesday, July 10th**

Patti Souder will present program.
Begins at 10:30am and concludes with
Lunch.

Dreyer Lodge, 218 Locust St.

Cost: \$9 per person

For reservations, please call
570-278-1001 or 1-800-598-5030

Chicken Bar-b-que

5:30-6:30pm - reservations requested

Concert: 7:30 p.m.

Lake Avenue Dining Room

Featuring: The Dartts

A Free Will offering will be received

For further information or to make
reservations, contact MBC at 278-1001 or

mbc@MontroseBible.org

CAMP MONTROSE 2013

NOIZ! Youth Worship Camp

For Christian teen musicians and singers,

ages 13-19

June 21st – 23rd

Teen Camp Week
Paintball Camp Option
June 30th – July 5th

Paintball Camp & Day Camp Options
Youth Camp
July 7th -12th

Mini Camp and Day Camp Options
Kids Camp
July 14th -19th

For further info, please contact MBC at
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www.MontroseBible.org

Church Library

Some of you may remember when Janet
Small shared about 2 months ago about the
selection of books in our church library.

There are books there for the young and old
alike. These books are looking for new
homes as we are discontinuing our library.

Please take some time to browse our church
library and see if there is something of
interest to you there.

After **Sunday, June 9th**, whatever books
are still left at the church will be donated to
the Blueberry Festival to benefit the
Susquehanna County Library.

You too, can donate to the
Susquehanna County Library. Items that
are **not** accepted include the following:
Readers Digest Condensed Versions,
Encyclopedias, Text Books, VHS
Videos and nothing soiled or moldy. If
you have any questions about donations,
please contact the library at 278-1881.

Thanks, Pastor Jane

Women's Resource Center

Once again I would like to start by sharing
one of my favorite scriptures

Psalm 147: 3

He heals my broken heart and binds up my
wounds (curing my pain and sorrow)

We can only pray that the victims of abuse have access to these same scriptures. We must remember them in our prayers and lift them up for strength and wisdom to make good choices. In the meantime we can do our part by providing for them what we can.

We received a thank you card from the WRC. They expressed their thanks for our generous donations.

WRC is requesting needs for the following items:
New full size sheets
New bath towels
Cleaning supplies
Laundry detergent
Grocery cards
Gas cards
Diapers size Newborn to 3 yrs old

Let's all see what we can do to fill their needs together.
If you have any questions please feel free to call me at 278-3642.

Thank you, Cathy McCain

Church Bulletin Bloopers...

A United Methodist Church advertises a "Yard Sale" by asking it's members: "Please bring your 'not wanted' treasurers..." (usually it is the auditors that are not wanted).

New Church Name: The Pleasant Run Presbyterian Church has a new name at the top of it's bulletin...It is now "The Pleasant Rub Presbyterian Church." (No doubt, some will flock to that church).

Prayer Printed in Bulletin: "Lord God, kindle in us the flame of your love, that our lies may be pure and shed the radiance of your light." (Funny, I never knew of a pure lie).

On the Lighter Side of Sunday School

A Sunday school teacher once put the question to her class:
"Where is deviled ham mentioned in the Bible?"

A student was heard to reply: "When the evil spirits entered the herd of swine!"
(Author Unknown)

Praise Rather Than Criticize!!

We all run in to our fair share of critics in the world today, but praise is much better than criticism. Here are 15 ways to offer some words of praise to people we meet along the way...

1. You are getting better and better everyday.
2. I knew you could do it!
3. Outstanding!
4. That is the best you have ever done!
5. You make me very happy.
6. You are learning fast.
7. Good thinking!
8. Sensational!!
9. That is the way to do it.
10. Now you've got the hang of it.
11. You are really doing a great job!
12. Excellent... You haven't missed a thing.
13. Exactly right.
14. Keep up the good work.
15. I sure am proud of you!!

Author Unknown

The Character of a Methodist

Methodist is one who loves the Lord his God with all his heart, with all his soul, with all his mind, and with all his strength. God is the joy of his heart, and the desire of his soul...A Methodist is therefore happy in God; yea, always happy, as having in him a well of water springing up unto everlasting life, and over-flowing his soul with peace and joy. Perfect love having now cast out fear, He rejoices evermore."

John Wesley

A Message from Bishop Jeremiah J. Park

Find rest, O my soul, in God alone;
My hope comes from him.
He alone is my rock and my salvation; he is my fortress.
I will not be shaken
My salvation and my honor depend on God,
He is my mighty rock, my refuge.

Trust him at all times O people;
pour out your hearts to him, for God is our
refuge.

Psalm 62:5-8 NIV

**Dear Brothers and Sisters in the
Susquehanna Conference:**

I greet you in the name of the Risen
Christ, Prince of Peace, Healer of our
Brokenness and Hope of the World!

Once again we have been reminded how
quickly life can be altered. In a matter of
minutes the residents of the community of
Moore, Oklahoma, and surrounding areas
felt the devastating power of the tornadoes
that hit this area. Homes were destroyed and
a number of persons, including school age
children, lost their lives. Our hearts break to
see such an extensive and total devastation
in the wake of one of the most destructive
natural disasters.

Many of the first responders, civic
leaders, and even the survivors spoke of how
the people of this area are people of deep
faith. They have experienced this
destruction in the past; and they have
pledged to rebuild their lives and their
communities once again. They will depend
on God and each other as they move
forward. We would like them to know that
our God cares for them and we are for them.

On behalf of our oneness in Jesus Christ
and will humanity, I call upon the clergy and
laity of the Susquehanna Conference to
especially include prayers for the residents
of Oklahoma and other places where
because of extreme weather these
destructions have occurred. Please take time
in your daily devotional life and in your
church services to pray for them. One way
that we can also respond as people of faith is
to offer monetary gifts. Gifts can be made
out to your local church; but please include
on the memo line--Disaster Response,
United States (#901670). Local
congregations can then send a check made
payable to the Susquehanna Annual
Conference which will then direct the

contributions to UMCOR (United Methodist
Committee on Relief).

For your generosity in the past and for
your concern for this most recent tragedy, I
offer my humble thanks.

In Grace and Peace: Bishop Jeremiah J. Park

GOD'S WIFE

An eye witness account from New York
City, on a cold day in December, some years
ago: A little boy, about 10 years old, was
standing before a shoe store on the roadway,
barefooted, peering through the window,
and shivering with cold.

A lady approached the young boy and said,
"My, but you're in such deep thought staring
in that window!" 'I was asking God to give
me a pair of shoes,' was the boy's reply.
The lady took him by the hand, went into the
store, and asked the clerk to get half a dozen
pairs of socks for the boy. She then asked if
he could give her a basin of water and a
towel. He quickly brought them to her. She
took the little fellow to the back part of the
store and, removing her gloves, knelt down,
washed his little feet, and dried them with
the towel.

By this time, the clerk had returned with the
socks. Placing a pair upon the boy's feet,
she purchased him a pair of shoes. She tied
up the remaining pairs of socks and gave
them to him. She patted him on the head
and said, 'No doubt, you will be more
comfortable now.'

As she turned to go, the astonished boy
caught her by the hand, and looking up into
her face, with tears in his eyes, asked her:
'Are you God's wife?'

(Taken from the Worcester UMC
Newsletter, June 2013)

**A Letter from our District
Superintendent, Rev. Jon Buxton**

May 9, 2013

Letter to Pastors and Lay Leaders regarding
Vital Congregations Dashboard

Grace and peace to you in the name of Jesus
Christ our Risen Lord!

As you know our Annual Conference is committed to supporting and resourcing our churches to become more effective in their efforts to make disciples and transform the world. Since March 24 we have been utilizing the Vital Congregations Dashboard, a new resource available through our greater UM connection as well as the other resources previously available on the website umvitalcongregations.org.

The Dashboard allows churches to record and track key markers of vital growth in our congregations. All churches are asked to participate as this will give your leaders feedback on your status and some of the information will automatically be entered into your church's yearly statistical reports.

By now each church and its pastor should be receiving a weekly email reminder by Monday morning with a link to use to get to their unique filing page.

The gathering of this data is for the benefit of the local church and the annual conference as we track how well we are doing in terms of carrying out our mission of making disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world. Through this required recording, we are responding to the Council of Bishop's "Call to Action".

Everyone is able to review the reports by accessing the link below. You can use this link to create a desktop link for quick and regular access to the report

site:

<http://vitalsigns.trendsendapp.com/reports/25/overview>

Thank you for your efforts to work together to help develop vital congregations.

Grace and peace,
Jon Buxton
Scranton/Wilkes-Barre District
Superintendent

MY DAD

When I was just a little boy,
no more than just a lad,
I met a lot of special men
but none more special than my Dad!
Though other men would often hear
the things I had to say,
None could listen with their heart
in my Dad's special way.
I love to think of all the things
my Dad would say and do,
And how I felt down deep in my heart
I want to be just like you.
If I could be just half the man
that my father was to me,
What a great example I would be
for all the world to see.
Then the world would see a man who tried
to never fail the test,
Who never faltered in his quest
to always do his very best.
They'd see a man who loved his God
through times both good and bad,
What a man I would be if I could live my
life just like my Dad.

Written by James Galloway

Fathers

Fathers have a special role
In each young child's life,
To mould and shape them to become
A follower of Christ
To show them the Father's heart
And help them understand
How God's love can be their guide
As they take Him by the hand.

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Many Thanks!

Thanks to all who helped and came to "girls night out"! It was a night of good food, games and a very funny cruise fashion show. I'd like to thanks to our gutsy models who brought a lot of laughter to our evening. We definitely made a joyful noise to the Lord!

Sharon Newhart

Surprise!!

On Saturday May 4th, I was busy putting laundry away. It was a very sad weekend, on the Thursday before we lost Mike's Uncle Rick (Arnold). My thoughts were with Dawn, Mike's mom and the rest of the family. Then I got a call from Bina's daughter Jen. She was on her way to see Bina's mom when her car broke down in front of the church, could I come help her out? So Matthew and I drove over, only to see Jen and Erin, but not her car! I did, however, see some of our church family going into the church. So Jen walked us in, and SURPRISE!, there was Mike and mom, with big grins. For oh, about the last year or so, I had told Mike, and pretty much everyone else I knew, that I was turning 50 and thought that I had better have a party!! No shame here!! So they got me, I was surprised. I actually had thought that Sharon's "Ladies night out" might have been a ploy to get me there the next Friday night. So, I got to see lots of friends, and lots of family, some from over 3 hours away. It was a wonderful time with great food and fellowship. And it was wonderful to see Dawn, Kelly, Jeremy, Alex and Riley, as well as Mike's parents come in. They were able to put aside most of their sadness for an hour or so, I think they needed that. Thanks to Mike, Mom, Jen and Ben for a great afternoon!!

Mary Hinds



Our Prayers

In the church: Sally Ayres, Dawn Arnold & family, Melba Watkins, Joyce & Don Blaisure, Nic Remington, Harry Snell, Ben & Theresa Owen, June Allen, Harry Snell, Craig Estelle, June Bishop, Marian Nye, Alice Porter, Belma Herrala, Doris Sebring, Doris Larnerd, Bob Dalrymple, Gladys Barber, Peggy Wood, Kathryn Sterling

In our community: Eleanor Lawyer, Devin, Arden Baker, Jean Weaver, Family of George Arnold, Jake, Kristin, Wayne Littlejohn, Grace, Debbie Bush, Jim Ochse, Joanne McCain, Sarah and Bill, Tina Barton, Robert Atticks, Sr., Liz Oliver, Reva Cline, Corey Hollister, Julie Fair, Noah & Naomi, Randy Ward, Mary Helen Booth, Tom & Carolyn Reese, Dewey Hunsinger, Keith Pratt, John Paul Jones, Helen Crotta, Charlotte Maxey Ellis, Lisa Steele, Connie Williams, Aaron Olah, 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, Les Hawley, Helen Grick, Mary Ann Solonowitz, teachers and 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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