

**So. Montrose  
Community Church**  
March, 2013 Newsletter

*From Our Pastor . . . . .*

Dear Friends: Spring is coming! Spring is coming! The days are getting longer and the sun is stronger. At our church last week, we saw the daffodils peeking their heads up out of the dirt by the steps. What a wonderful sign of a new season dawning upon us. It gives us hope and encouragement for the days ahead. In the early hours of March 10th, we once again go back to Daylight Saving time. How I long for it to be light again in the evenings. Spring is a wonderful time of year filled with freshness, light, growth, and newness.

It is also the season in which we celebrate Lent and Easter. The season of Lent began on Ash Wednesday, February 13th and ends on Holy Saturday, March 30th. During these 40 days excluding Sundays, we all take a journey to the cross. We fast, we pray, we study, we worship, we resist temptation, we remove a bad habit or a sinful indulgence from our daily lives which then enables us to engage in activities which are God-pleasing. We also reserve some time to give extra of ourselves during this season so that others will benefit in Christ's name. The reason why we do all of this stuff is a way to remember that Christ gave up everything to save us from sin, death, and evil and to free us to live a new life in him.

One activity that I do regularly during the Lenten season is read the scriptures that speak to the passion of our Lord. I take a few minutes to ponder them and

pray over them as well. Here are some suggestions for your reading: Matthew 26:14-27:66, Mark 14:1-15:47, Luke 22:14-23:56, John 18:1-19:42. Another activity that I do during the Lenten season is read various hymns that are rich in Christ's sacrifice. I often use them as evening devotionals. Here are some suggestions: When I Survey the Wondrous Cross, O Sacred Head, Now Wounded, Abide with Me, Go to Dark Gethsemane, Were You There, What Wondrous Love Is This.

If you have walked the journey to the cross from Ash Wednesday to Holy Saturday, your whole celebration of the empty tomb will have new meaning for your personal life. Take advantage of the journey, for if you do, the meaning of Easter will be greatly enhanced. Then you can joyfully sing, "Christ is alive! Let Christians sing, His cross stands empty to the sky. Let streets and homes with praises ring. His love in death shall never die. Christ is alive! No longer bound to distant years in Palestine, he comes to claim the here and now and dwell in every place and time." (UMC, Hymnal #318)

Have a blessed journey, Pastor Jane

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**Donations Needed for Easter Baskets**

As most of you know we are collecting instant mashed and scalloped potatoes for the Easter Dinner Baskets.

We serve about 200 families in Susquehanna County. Your generosity is greatly appreciated. Please have your donations to the church by Sunday, March 17th so that we can then deliver them to St. Paul's Episcopal Church for packing and distributing.

Pastor Jane and Mary Hinds

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## Holy Week Services

**Holy Thursday, March 28th:** 6 p.m.  
Covered Dish Holy Thursday Worship Experience at First UMC, New Milford. All are welcome. Bring a dish to pass. Beverages and paper plates and plasticware will be provided. Come and experience the Upper Room.

**Good Friday, March 29th:** 7 p.m.  
Worship at South Montrose. First UMC, New Milford will be joining us. Come and experience Good Friday and take time to ponder what Jesus did for you.

**Sunrise Worship:** This year we will **not** be hosting a Sunrise Worship or Sunrise Breakfast.

All are welcome to come to Blue Ridge High School at 7 a.m.

**Easter Worship:** 9:15 a.m. This year we will be blessed with an Easter Cantata as part of our worship experience. All are welcome. Invite a friend and celebrate the gift of life with us.

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## TREHAB FOOD BANK WISH LIST

Soup  
Spaghetti and Spaghetti Sauce  
Canned Fruits  
Canned Vegetables  
Peanut Butter/Jelly  
Canned Tuna/Chicken  
Canned Apple Sauce and Baked Beans  
Boxed Mac and Cheese

## Boxed Cereal/Oatmeal

Boxed Dinners like Tuna Helper or Hamburger Helper

Did you know that the Montrose and Susquehanna/Oakland Food Banks serve approx. 481 households which equals 1,102 individuals per month?

That is a lot of households in our area as well as individuals helped each month!! If you would like to donate any of the above items, please bring them with you to church and put them in the big box in the Narthex.

Thanks so much for generosity and your willingness to help your neighbors.  
Pastor Jane and Mary Hinds

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## 25 Things My Mother Taught Me !

1. My mother taught me ~ To appreciate a job well done.  
"If you're going to kill each other, do it outside. I just finished cleaning."
2. My mother taught me ~ Religion.  
"You better pray that will come out of the carpet."
3. My mother taught me about ~ Time travel.  
"If you don't straighten up, I'm going to knock you into the middle of next week!"
4. My mother taught me ~ Logic.  
"Because I said so, that's why."
5. My mother taught me ~ More logic.  
"If you fall out of that swing and break your neck, you're not going to the store with me."
6. My mother taught me ~ Foresight.  
"Make sure you wear clean underwear, in case you're in an accident."
7. My mother taught me ~ Irony.  
"Keep crying, and I'll give you something to cry about."
8. My mother taught me ~ About the science of osmosis.

"Shut your mouth and eat your supper."  
**9.** My mother taught me ~ About contortionism.

"Will you look at that dirt on the back of your neck!"

**10.** My mother taught me ~ About stamina.

"You'll sit there until all that spinach is gone."

**11.** My mother taught me ~ About weather.

"This room of yours looks as if a tornado went through it."

**12.** My mother taught me ~ About hypocrisy.

"If I told you once, I've told you a million times. Don't exaggerate!"

**13.** My mother taught me ~ The circle of life.

"I brought you into this world, and I can take you out."

**14.** My mother taught me ~ About behavior modification.

"Stop acting like your father!"

**15.** My mother taught me ~ About envy.

"There are millions of less fortunate children in this world who don't have wonderful parents like you do."

**16.** My mother taught me ~ About anticipation.

"Just wait until we get home."

**17.** My mother taught me ~ About receiving.

"You are going to get it when you get home!"

**18.** My mother taught me ~ Medical science.

"If you don't stop crossing your eyes, they are going to get stuck that way."

**19.** My mother taught me ~ ESP.

"Put your sweater on; don't you think I know when you are cold?"

**20.** My mother taught me ~ Humor.

"When that lawn mower cuts off your toes, don't come running to me."

**21.** My mother taught me ~ How to

become an adult.

"If you don't eat your vegetables, you'll never grow up."

**22.** My mother taught me ~ Genetics.

"You're just like your father."

**23.** My mother taught me ~ About my roots.

"Shut that door behind you. Do you think you were born in a barn?"

**24.** My mother taught me ~ Wisdom.

"When you get to be my age, you'll understand."

And my favorite:

**25.** My mother taught me ~ About justice.

"One day you'll have kids, and I hope they turn out just like you!"

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## Upcoming Events

### Mark Your Calendars!

#### ORGAN LENTEN MEDITATIONS

Will be held at the First Presbyterian Church in Montrose. Mark your calendars for the following meditations:

March 6<sup>th</sup> @ Noon: Martha Denkenberger

March 13<sup>th</sup> @ Noon: Sarah Bertsch

This is a time of music, prayer, and reflection.

A homemade soup and bread luncheon to follow each meditation.

All are welcome! Get away from the hustle and bustle of the world for an hour or two and be at peace!

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#### SOUP NIGHT

February's soup night was a great time as usual. Kelly played his guitar & sang and everyone had a blast. There was even dancing. We had so much fun & he had so much fun, he is going to do it all over again at our next soup night on

Monday, March 18. Cassy is my official counter, but she was busy running to Price Chopper for more onions and tomatoes for the salad bar! (So we lost count of our guests and we keep realizing just how much we took Robinson's for granted. Amen.) We received \$205 in donations. I saved \$150 for March's meal and donated \$55 to the food bank.

I had lots of great helpers this past month. Special thanks to Annette & Cassy, Bev, Meryl, Cathy McCain, Uncle Bob, Gigi, and Mary Jane. Janet was still in Florida. Her friend Billy Sue Costly, which is Aaron's mom, came and filled in. She gave Harry & Harriet a ride and helped me serve the guests. At one point she said, "What exactly would you like me to do?" I said, "Could you just be Janet?" She smiled and said she'd try. She did a fantastic job, but I still missed my best waitress.

I am always impressed and thankful for all the dessert donations. Bev and Martha each brought me 2 different trays of desserts. A group of ladies that come from the square brought beautiful cupcakes too. Thanks to my bakers. Yum Yum.

At our next soup night we'll be having hamburger vegetable soup & corn chowder w/ bacon. Would you please pray that we get 100 people again? By 3/18 we will have sprung our clocks ahead. Hopefully that means more people can come out and not worry about driving home in the dark. I will have just pulled back into Pennsylvania from Key West on 3/17 so I will lasso the sunshine and bring it back to share with you guys. Welcome Spring! I will have missed you all.....so please come to soup night and bring all your friends and family. Come a half hour early and share in casual worship with Pastor Jane. She

can help prepare our hearts for Easter that will be right around the corner.

Chris Smith

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### **SAVE THE DATE!**

In honor of Sexual Assault Awareness Month the Women's Resource Center invites you to a reception celebrating the support given by Susquehanna County community members for victims of domestic violence and sexual assault.

Thursday, April 4, 2013

6:30 - 8:30 pm

Dreyer Hall @

Montrose Bible Conference

### **SPECIAL GUEST SPEAKERS**

Debra Tomeo and Martha Cuomo

Hors d' oeuvres and Beverages

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### **Chocolate Party**

I am going to be hosting a Lindt Chocolate Party on Wednesday, March 6th at 6:30 PM. I am having it at the church, as I am inviting more people than can fit at my house. Lindt is holding a fundraiser, so I am hoping to sell a lot. They will be donating 5% of total sales, as well as 10 cents for each Gold Bunny sold, to Autism Speaks. This is an organization that is close to my heart, so I am happy I can help out. We will be tasting lots of chocolate goodies, as well as having some fondue!

If you can't make it that night, but would like to look at a book, let me know! It will be a fun night!

Mary Hinds

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### **37th ANNUAL SMCC CHICKEN BBQ**

We all know that spring is just around the corner when we start receiving word of the upcoming chicken bar-b-que. This year's BBQ is set for Saturday,

March 23, 2013 at the Montrose Fire Hall. Most of you have already received the letter and accompanying work assignments. It cannot be said enough how appreciative the committee is of your faithful volunteering for this major fund raiser.

It is only with your cooperation that we have been able to sustain this project over these many years. Thank you!!

Those of you that are asked to provide food, will be contacted the week of March 10; if you have not been asked to provide food, please consider giving monetary gifts to help offset the cost of chicken, coleslaw, coffee, rolls, milk, etc.

Donations can be mailed to the church or given to committee members. Please be sure to designate that the donation is for the BBQ.

If we have inadvertently left your name off the list for working and wish to help, or if you are unable to work the assigned time, please contact Mary Mead at 278-1358.

We look forward to working with you all on the 23rd!!

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**Gospel Fest a Success!**

This year's Gospel Fest was once again a huge success! It was held on February 16th, and the weather cooperated this year! We had a nice crowd for dinner with lots of great food, and then everyone went upstairs for the wonderful music. We had a full house again this year. We were blessed to hear our own SMCC Choir, Saving Graces, as well as Spark Gospel Singers, Ron Smith, Isaac & Rachel Hobbs, Diane Grick and Kelly & Susan Pratt who were joined by Mary Alice Hawley and Elizabeth Stone. Elizabeth did a wonderful job singing! There was an offering taken and it was decided to give it to our local Food Bank. Sue

Vandermark took them \$275.00, and I am sure they were VERY happy to receive it. A HUGE thanks to all who helped out or donated in any way to make this year's Gospel Fest run so smoothly!

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**Name to Add to your card list**

Alice Porter was in church February 24<sup>th</sup> to say farewell to our congregation. She moved to her daughter's on Sunday afternoon. She would love to get cards, letters and phone calls.

Mrs. Alice Porter  
73 Ridge Rd.

Telford PA 18969-1327  
Home Phone: (326)257-1622

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**Easter Lilies**

If you'd like to purchase an Easter lily for \$11.00 In Memory and/or In Honor of someone, please see Paula Remington. Deadline is March 10<sup>th</sup>.

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**New Feature!!**

A new feature will be in each month's issue. Created by Mary Hinds, it will spotlight someone within our church

family. An appropriate first “spotlight features Pastor Jane:



**Why did you choose to become a pastor?** I first felt the calling for full time Christian Service in the 9th grade. I explored it for a couple years. I became more active in Sunday School and Youth Group and attended worship and other church activities on a regular basis. For several years my family and I traveled to Red Bird and Henderson Settlements in Kentucky to do mission work for a week. I knew by the time I was in 11th grade that God was nudging me in the direction of pastoral leadership. In college I explored areas of ministry such as counseling, teaching, missionary and pastor. In my sophomore year of college I had the privilege of working with COSROW (Committee on the Status and Role of Women) of the Wyoming Conference which enabled me to lead worship and preach in a different charge or church each Sunday from June till the end of August. The COSROW experience really gave me the opportunity to prepare and do a full service each week. That is what really empowered me to go

into full time pastoral ministry in the United Methodist Church.

**Education:**

Honesdale High School, Asbury College, Asbury Theological Seminary and it continues on a regular basis. I will never stop learning. As a pastor I am required to take 12 units of CEU's every 4 years.

**Where did I grow up?** Honesdale, PA. I lived in the country about 10 miles out side of town. My family farmed for many years. Then my parents worked outside of the farm until retirement. It was a peaceful place to behold the beauty of God's creation.

**What was your favorite class in school?** I enjoyed Social Studies and World Cultures. These classes opened by eyes to the world around me locally and globally. I realized the need for missionaries and the need for social agencies to help those who were hungry, homeless, elderly, and alone.

**What did you do for fun growing up?** I enjoyed trout fishing with my Dad each spring. On Sundays we used to pile in the truck and do a road trip around Wayne and Susquehanna Counties. It was fun to see what was happening around the area. We usually stopped for ice cream somewhere along the way. In August we would hitch the wagon to the tractor and get our buckets together to go blueberry picking. The wild blueberries were wonderful and so were the pies they made!!!

**Do you, or did you have pets?** As a child at home, we always had outside dogs and cats. I haven't had any pets since I went to college. I simply not home very much as a pastor to have a pet now.

**If you had not become a pastor, what job would you do?**

This is a difficult question to answer. I just don't see myself doing anything else. I guess if I had to do something else it would be a social worker, funeral director, nursing home chaplain or hospice worker.

**Do you have a small or large family?**

When I was born in 1965, my family consisted of me and mom and dad. After my mom passed away in 1975, my dad remarried in three years and I gained 2 sisters and 1 brother. In 1996 my dad passed away and then in 2006, my brother passed away. My immediate family is small, but my extended family and my church family is far larger than I ever imagined. I have really been blessed these past 23 years in the ministry with wonderful friends.

**What is my favorite part of my job? I**

would say, "visitation". I really enjoy visiting with my church families. I enjoy sitting around kitchen tables and on living room chairs talking about faith, what's happening in the family and around the world, what's happening at our church and what we can do to make our church and community a better place in which to live.

**If I could meet anyone living now, who would it be?**

I would love to meet the creators of Ice Age and Shrek. I just love these movies and it would be so cool to meet the people behind the scenes. These folks are incredibly creative. I would just like to know who matched the voices and characters.

**If I could meet anyone no longer living, who would it be?**

I would have liked to have met Ronald Reagan, Pope John Paul II, Mother Theresa, John Wesley and Frances Asbury.

**What is my favorite color?** Purple

**What is my favorite meal?**

Grilled Pork Chops, Applesauce, Baked Potato and salad with creamy french dressing.

**What is my favorite dessert?**

Lemon Meringue Pie

**What is my favorite time of year?** Summer and Fall. Love the sunny days and the warm nights.

Pastor Jane

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**Sunday School News**

The Sunday school kids will continue learning about Moses and the Israelites this spring. They are learning how God leads and guides us still today just like He did His chosen people, the Israelites. In the next few weeks they will be talking about the 10 commandments and how to apply them in their own life.

The 10 commandments have really become a passion for me since the last school shooting in the US. I have been studying them in different translations of the Bible. I have been researching public places that do & do not allow them to be displayed any more in our country.

When I get all of my facts together I would like to write another article to share with you. But until then I wanted to share with you the 10 commandments that was written for kids that I found online. They are written so simple and straight forward. Personally, I love them written this way. It really speaks to my heart. I think they are for kids and grown ups. God never changes. He is always the same. So are His guidelines for His people.....that's us.

**The 10 Commandments For Kids**

Love God more than anything else.

Don't make anything in your life more important than God.

Always say God's name with love and respect.

Honor the Lord by resting on Sunday.

Love and respect your Mom and Dad.

Never hurt anyone.  
 Always be faithful to your husband or  
 wife.  
 Don't take anything that isn't yours.  
 Always tell the truth.  
 Be happy with what you have and don't  
 wish for what other people have.  
 Chris Smith

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**Acolyte Schedule**

	<u>Acolyte</u>	<u>Snack</u>	<u>Nursery</u>
March 3	Korena	Denise	Denise
March 10	Kayleen	Chris	Chris
March 17	Clay	Brenda	Brenda
March 24	Elizabeth	Mary	Mary
March 31	Cassy	Annette	Janet

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**Our Prayers**

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

**In our community:** Debbie Bush, Ed Felding, Joanne McCain, Sarah and Bill, Rechlicz Family, Tina Barton, Bill Severance, Robert Atticks, Sr., Alan McCarthy, Liz Oliver, Reva Cline, Corey Hollister, Julie Fair, Noah & Naomi, 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 and Daniel Snell, Katherine, David & Mary Ann Pierce, Sarah Manzer, Sterling Barefoot, Les Hawley, Josh Capwell, 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.