

*So. Montrose  
Community Church*

*May, 2013 Newsletter*

Revision #1

*From Our Pastor . . . .*

Dear Fellow Workers for Christ,

The season of spring has dawned upon us and it is beautiful to behold.

The spring flowers are in full bloom at many homes and businesses. The trees are making themselves known as well with their lime green buds. I have seen people raking their lawns and making their ground ready for the planting season. I awaken to the birds chirping and know that the day ahead will be fresh and new.

The season of Pentecost in the life of the church begins this month also. On Sunday, May 19th, we celebrate the birthday of the church. When the Holy Spirit descended on the disciples gathered together at Pentecost, this fearful and timid community of believers were transformed into bold proclaimers of the gospel of Jesus Christ. They went all over the world sharing their faith, bringing people together, and building the church. Preaching and teaching were their passion. They couldn't stop talking about their experience and what God did for them and the entire world during Holy Week and Easter Sunday and how the Spirit touched them and called them to be witnesses to the people around them. They were forever changed.

Each day that the Spirit resides in our hearts, we are transformed by that Spirit.

The result of that transformation are the "Fruits of the Holy Spirit" found in the book of Galatians. The fruits are love,

joy, peace, patience, kindness, gentleness, generosity, faithfulness, and self control. When these fruits are put into action our world is transformed. "If we live by the Spirit," Paul says, "let us also be guided by the Spirit." That presence can not help but make a difference in our own life and the lives of those around us. We must remember that God's presence within us is not static, it is active. The Spirit helps us to grow into bold disciples with the help of prayer, Bible study, personal reflection and worship. Imagine what a random act of kindness can do in someone's life. Think about what it has done for you. Let us take some time this month to reflect upon the fruits of the Spirit and how they can transform who we are into active witnesses of the gospel.

Have a blessed and joyous May.

Pastor Jane

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**K-3 Sunday School**

The Sunday School kids have sure learned a lot this year. Denise Kraynak, Annette Salsman and myself have rotated the months and took turns teaching them. They learned about creation and the book of Genesis in September last year. Then in October started their lessons about Moses and the Israelites journey to the land God promised them.

The past few weeks lessons have focused on Joshua as the new leader of the people when Moses passed away. God told Joshua He would be with him just as He had been with Moses. The children enjoyed learning about Joshua sending spies into Cannon to figure out what they were up against. They learned how the spies met a woman named, Rahab. She helped hide the spies and keep them safe. She told the spies she knew that their God was the true God.

She asked them to remember her and her family when they took over the city.

The Israelites kept their word and kept her safe. She became a believer and follower of the Living God. We will wrap up the Sunday School year learning about Joshua and the people crossing the Jordan River and the battle of Jericho.

This month's Bible verse is Joshua 24:24 We will serve the Lord our God and His voice we will obey. The "leap of faith" we have learned and focused on is, I can choose to serve and obey God.

Every lesson helps put these into practical use that the kids can understand. We talk about how to hear God's voice and how obeying Him is a great way to serve Him.

Some of the kids watched The History Channel's, The Bible, the five weeks leading up to Easter. It really brought the stories we have learned to life for them. We start each class by reviewing what we've already learned. They have great memories. They hear a new Bible story and play a game or do a craft that goes along with it. We try to end Sunday School by praying for each other about something coming up in the week ahead. It helps them care for each other. They have all grown and matured a great deal since last year at this time.

They are unique individuals. Elizabeth enjoys all the puzzles and games we play. Chloe loves the little details and the crafts. The girls also seemed to really like learning the sign language that went along with the Bible verse. Kohen was particularly interested in Moses. He remembers a lot of facts about Moses.

Levi enjoyed learning The 10 Commandments. He felt proud of himself when he had them memorized. We focused on them for about 3 weeks before moving on. I felt it was important to teach the kids examples of people

following and not following The 10 Commandments. Matthew always seems to look at our lessons on a personal level and can point out how people might have been feeling in certain situations. Cole loves all the hands on activities. He enjoys the little science experiments that went a long with some of the stories. And they all had 1 thing in common.

They LOVE snack time!

Chris Smith

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### **High School Youth**

Mary Hinds and Denise Kraynak teach the early high school youth, which consists of Clay Frystak, Korena Kraynak, and Kayleen Kraynak. They have been studying Jesus from birth on to many of his teachings. From the sermon on the mount in Matthew 5 to the final judgement in Matthew 25.

Many of the lessons consist of a bible verse, bible story, and a way of tying it into every day life.



### **Children's Day**

This year Children's Day is on May 19. It is also the week we will be celebrating Pentecost. The Sunday School children will be doing a program for the congregation that day during our worship service. They have learned a lot this year. Sunday School also end that day and they have no Sunday School for the summer break. We would like the congregation to join us downstairs after church for refreshments. We are going to have birthday cake for the church and some coffee cakes and drinks. Please join us.

**The kids will be practicing the program May 5 & May 12 during normal Sunday School times. Please be there kiddos!**

Chris Smith

### **Soup Night**

I think it is fair to say that soup night ended with a great finale to this season on April 15. We had 75 guests and \$247 was generously donated. I donated \$147 to the food bank and saved \$100 to use when we start back up in September. Charlie Reed played piano and sang to us. The guests seemed to enjoy it and he said he had fun himself. We met Ingrid Balsamo from the S.N.A.P. program. She shared with us information about what that program offers.

At soup night I hand out a little note to the guests telling them info about our church and when the next soup night is or words of thanks from the food bank. In the last note I told them all how lucky I am. When I started soup night I had a few reasons. I wanted to provide a good nutritious meal to everyone who came. I wanted it to be free to anyone who needed it. I hoped others would be generous and donate to the food bank. I wanted to meet people in our community outside of our church and become friends with our neighbors. I wanted a night that people could look forward to that they wouldn't be eating supper alone. I wanted to become aware of the needs of people right here in South Montrose who use the food bank every month. I got exactly what I hoped and prayed for and more. I feel very blessed.

As always I am super duper thankful to all my friends and family who help me serve and clean up at soup night. I am very grateful to all of you who bring delicious desserts to share. (I make sure to sample each item before we present it to our guests.)

From September, 12' to April, 13' we were able to serve many free meals and donated \$634 to the food bank. Looking forward to a new beginning in September 2013.

Chris Smith



### **Mother's Day Appreciation Breakfast**

There will be a breakfast following our church service on Mother's Day, Sunday, May 12<sup>th</sup>.

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### **Girls Night Out!!**

**Where:** So. Montrose Comm. Church

**When:** May 10<sup>th</sup> **Time:** 6:00pm

Bring your friends for a night of food, games and entertainment! There will be a pot luck supper. Everyone is to bring a covered dish or dessert to pass. Plan on having a lot of fun!!

There will be a sign up sheet in the back of the church for what you're bringing and how many guests you're bringing. Deadline for sign up is April 28<sup>th</sup>.

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### **1st Annual Red Cross 5K Run/Walk**

Saturday, May 11, 2013 @ 9 a.m.

Entry Fee: \$15 Pre-Registration by May 1st.

T-Shirts to first 50 registered.

Fee on the day of race: \$20

**Benefit:** Wyoming/Susquehanna County American Red Cross

**Check-In:** Will be 7:30-8:30 a.m. @ Lake Carey Fire Dept. on Siren Drive, Lake Carey, PA

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### **Happenings at the Bible Conference**

#### **Mother's Day Family Buffet**

**Sunday, May 12, 2013**

- Buffet Dinner served from noon till 2 p.m. at Dreyer Lodge's Tea Room
- Reservations are required

Prices: \$15 per adult  
\$5 for children ages 5-12  
\$2.50 for ages 2-4

Free, under age 2  
Price includes complete meal, beverages  
and gratuity.

For Reservations, call 570-278-1001

### **Family Fun Day**

#### **Memorial Day, May 27, 2013**

Enjoy Free Camp Montrose  
Activities: Indoor Climbing Wall, Giant  
Swing, Paintball Target Range, Ga-ga,  
Paper Rockets, 9 Square in the Air and  
much, much more.

Chicken BBQ served from 1-2 p.m.  
Cost: Adults \$9, Ages 5-12 \$4 and ages  
2-4, \$2  
Reservations are requested.

All Weekend: Campground Round-Up.  
RV Sites available, call for reservations.  
570-278-1001

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#### **Summer Camp Reunion** **May 26-27, 2013**

Relive camp memories with a tour,  
campfire and fun! Reunion activities  
start Sunday evening and conclude with  
Family Fun Day on Monday.

For Reservations, call 570-278-1001

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#### **Litter Pickup**

Litter pickup will be on Sunday, May  
19<sup>th</sup>. We will be meeting at the church  
@ 1:00pm. Any questions, please see  
Bob Remington.

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### **Take Time To Pray**

Jake, the rancher, went one day  
To fix a distant fence.  
The wind was cold and gusty  
And the clouds rolled gray and dense.  
As he pounded the last staples in  
And gathered tools to go,  
The temperature had fallen,  
The wind and snow began to blow.

When he finally reached his pickup,  
He felt a heavy heart.  
From the sound of that ignition  
He knew it wouldn't start.

So Jake did what most of us  
Would do if we had been there.  
He humbly bowed his balding head  
And sent aloft a prayer.

As he turned the key for the last time,  
He softly cursed his luck  
They found him three days later,  
Frozen stiff in that old truck.  
Now Jake had been around in life  
And done his share of roaming.  
But when he saw Heaven, he was  
shocked -  
It looked just like Wyoming !

Of all the saints in Heaven,  
His favorite was St. Peter  
So ..they sat and talked a minute or two,  
Or maybe it was three.  
Nobody was keeping' score --  
In Heaven, time is free.

'I've always heard,' Jake said to Pete ,  
'that God will answer prayer,  
But one time I asked for help,

Well, he just plain wasn't there.'

'Does God answer prayers of some,  
And ignore the prayers of others?  
That don't seem exactly square --  
I know all men are brothers.'

Or , does he randomly reply,  
Without good rhyme or reason?  
Maybe, it's the time of day,  
The weather or the season.'  
'Now I ain't trying to act smart,  
It's just the way I feel.  
And I was wondering', could you tell me  
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What the heck's the deal?!'

Peter listened very patiently  
And when Jake was done,  
There were smiles of recognition,  
And he said, 'So, you're the one!!'

That day your truck, it wouldn't start,  
And you sent your prayer a flying,  
You gave us all a real bad time,  
With hundreds of us trying.'

'A thousand angels rushed,  
To check the status of your file,  
But you know, Jake , we hadn't heard  
From you in quite a long while.'

'And though all prayers are answered,  
And God ain't got no quota,  
He didn't recognize your voice,  
And started a truck in Minnesota '

BETTER KEEP IN TOUCH

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Gossip

*I have recently read Joyce Meyer's book,  
Change Your Words, Change Your Life.  
It is a wonderful book. And I learned a  
lot....I hope. I wanted to share a few*

*quotes and a little story taken directly  
from the book.*

*Hope you enjoy it, Chris Smith*

-Don't speak unless you can improve the  
silence.

-Spanish Proverb

-If you wouldn't write it and sign it, don't  
say it.

-Earl Wilson

-Be careful of your thoughts; they may  
become words at any moment.

-Ira Gassen

-A perverse man sows strife, and a  
whisperer separates close friends.

-Proverbs 16:28

**I AM GOSSIP**

My name is gossip.

I have no respect for justice.

I maim without killing. I break hearts  
and ruin lives.

I am cunning, malicious and gather  
strength with age.

The more I am quoted, the more I am  
believed.

I flourish at every level of society.

My victims are helpless.

They cannot protect themselves against  
me because I have no name and no face.

To track me down is impossible. The  
harder you try, the more elusive I  
become.

I am nobody's friend.

Once I tarnish a reputation, it is never  
the same.

I topple governments and wreck  
marriages. I ruin careers and cause  
sleepless nights, heartaches and  
indigestion.

I spawn suspicion and generate grief.  
I make innocent people cry into their  
pillows. Even my name hisses.

I am called GOSSIP, office gossip--shop gossip--party gossip--telephone gossip. I make headlines and headaches.

**REMEMBER**, when you repeat a story, ask yourself: Is it true? Is it fair? Is it necessary? If not, do not repeat it. **KEEP QUIET!**

### Women's Resource Center

First I would like to share with you one of my favorite scriptures:

**Matthew 6: 3-4:** When I, I give to the needy do not let my left hand know what my right hand is doing, so that my giving may be in secret. Then my Father, who sees what is done in secret, will reward me.

I love this scripture and I try to live by these words.

I am so appreciative to all of you who donate your items faithfully for our mission to the Women's Resource Center. Our congregations really outdid themselves with the donations received for the WRC this month! Thank you so much for your continued generosity.

Let's keep this need in mind every week as we shop for necessities for ourselves.

None of us know where or who these items go to but we can rest assured that whoever receives them is grateful. As I have said before I cannot even begin to imagine how these women and children must feel when they are forced to leave their homes with absolutely nothing, sometimes without shoes on their feet!

Let's not forget to keep these women and children in our prayers daily.

Thank you, Cathy McCain

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**FEED THE HUNGRY**

### **Trehab Food Bank Wish List**

Soup, spaghetti and spaghetti sauce, canned fruits, canned vegetables, peanut butter, canned tuna and canned Chicken, canned applesauce and baked beans, mac and cheese, boxed meals, boxed cereal and oatmeal, jelly, canned meals like beefaroni, ravioli, spaghetti O's, etc.

Please place your donations in the box in the Narthex. We will be sure to take them to the food bank.

Thanks in advance for your generosity.

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### **Our Prayers**

**In the church:** Family of Rick Arnold, Melba Watkins, Joyce & Don Blaisure, 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

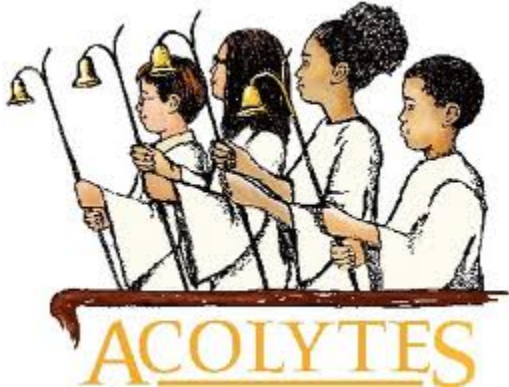


**In our community:** Family of George Arnold, Jake, Kristin, Wayne Littlejohn, Grace, Debbie Bush, Jim Ochse, Ed Felding, Joanne McCain, Sarah and Bill, Tina Barton, Robert Atticks, Sr., Alan McCarthy, Liz Oliver, Reva Cline, Corey Hollister, Julie Fair, Noah & Naomi, Randy Ward, Mary Helen Booth, Tom & Carolyn Reese, Dewey Hunsinger, Keith Pratt, John Paul Jones, Helen Crotta, Charlotte Maxey Ellis, Lisa Steele, Connie Williams, Aaron Olah, Brooke Arnold, Dee Pierson, Dick Millard, Duane Snell, Helen Petersen, Debbie Brewer, 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.

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### **Acolyte Schedule**

	<u>May 5</u>	<u>May 12</u>	<u>May 19th</u>	<u>May 26th</u>
<b>Acolyte:</b>	Elizabeth	Cassy	Tanner	Korena



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