

*So. Montrose Community Church
November, 2012 Newsletter*

Message From Our Pastor . .

Hello Friends,

November is upon us with warm with some warm days and some cold. Most of us are raking leaves and preparing for the winter months to come. The trees are becoming barren as winter will soon be upon us.

November is a busy month for all of us. There is much to do as we prepare for our Thanksgiving celebrations. I have been working on our Charge Conference materials in preparation for our Cluster Charge Conference held this year at Montrose UMC on Wednesday, November 28th at 7 p.m. I'm very thankful to our Pastor Parish Relations Committee, Finance Team and our Nominations and Lay Leadership Committee for all their hard work to putting together what needs to be done for November 28th. Also thank you to all those who said, "yes" to serving on committees in the year to come.

In the spirit of gratitude and thanksgiving this month, let us ponder some of our blessings and whisper a prayer of thanksgiving...

For each new morning with its light
For rest
For shelter of night
For health
For food
For Family
For our Church
For love and friends
For everything that God sends our way
For freedom
For my salvation

For the rains and winds that passed over us
For the opportunity to help others in need
For all my blessings beyond measure
I just want to close with the first verse of "Come, Ye Thankful People, Come"

"Come ye thankful people, come, raise the song of harvest home; all is safely gathered in, ere the winter storms begin. God our Maker doth provide for our wants to be supplied; come to God's own temple, come, raise the song of harvest home."

May the Lord continue to bless and sustain our lives this day and in the days to come. Give thanks for all your many blessings this month.

Pastor Jane

We Are Blessed . . .

We at South Montrose are so very blessed to be led by a pastor who so completely lives out her faith, and guides her flock with love, kindness, caring, and an awesome laugh! October is Pastor Appreciation Month, and although I am a month late with this, I am sure that I am joined by our whole congregation in saying a huge THANK YOU to Pastor Jane for being a wonderful pastor. She leads us every Sunday to someplace where we can think about our lives, the role we play in the church and in the community, and how we can improve both our lives and those around us. Thank you Pastor Jane, we appreciate you!!

Mary Hinds

**Happy Veteran's Day to all our
military past and present!!
We thank you!!**

Honor Our Military

Let's honor our military,
The men and women who serve,
Whose dedication to our country
Does not falter, halt or swerve.

Let's respect them for their courage;
They're ready to do what's right
To keep America safe,
So we can sleep better at night.

Let's support and defend our soldiers,
Whose hardships are brutal and cruel,
Whose discipline we can't imagine,
Who follow each order and rule.
Here's to those who choose to be
warriors
And their helpers good and true;
They're fighting for American values;
They're fighting for me and you.

By Joanna Fuchs



Has it really been a year?

November 24, 2011. A day I will never forget. Thanksgiving Day. Families everywhere enjoying each other, eating together, watching football, happy to be off from work. One family sitting vigil in a hospice unit in Scranton. That morning I got the call. Bina's daughter Jennifer called to say if I wanted to see her mom again I should come down to the hospital. I told her no, I had been there 2 days earlier and said my goodbyes. I felt the family should have this time. It wasn't long after that, Jen called again. My life changed forever. We had been the best of friends for so long, now she was gone, after a courageous battle with the beast that is brain cancer. It had taken my dad in 2007. I couldn't believe it had happened again.

In the past year I have grieved, worried about Jen and her family, tried to give her advice that Bina would have given, had SO many memories flooding back, worried

about forgetting the sound of her voice or things that we had done together. But I also have been overjoyed to think about the kindness of the people of this community, and this church. I hope that you all know how much Bina's family appreciates all you did for her while she was sick, and after. Jen has mentioned to me so many times how blessed her mom was to be a part of this church. It warms my heart to think about how we all care about each other, and step up to the plate when it's necessary. This year has been a long year, I miss her so much at times I almost can't stand it, but I relish in the gift that you all gave her and her family, and I think about the day she got to see Jesus. November 24, 2011. We will see each other again, my friend.

Mary Hinds

Interfaith News

Please remember to bring in cake mixes, frosting, and boxed pie crusts and pie fillings for Thanksgiving, and well as cans of pineapple SLICES for the Christmas baskets. We need to collect 120 cans of pineapple, and have a good head start already. We will be having an Angel tree this year that has tags we can take to purchase a toy for a child this Christmas. The Sunday School is also adopting a family through Interfaith. It seems like we are always asking you to give, give, give, but it is what God calls us to do. We should do it joyfully!!

Soup Night

We had another fun time at soup night in October. We received \$232 in donations. I sent \$82 to the food bank & save \$150 to go toward our next meal. We have very generous guests. As always I'd like to thank all the people who help me serve and clean up and donate desserts. Thank you to all of you who invite new people to soup night. We didn't have 1 month last year when we didn't meet someone new and that is

holding true this year. Keep up the good work advertising.

This month Soup Night is on Monday, November 19. Supper is from 4:30-6:30. But it's getting chilly out there & darker earlier. So.....get here early @ 4:00 and join Pastor Jane in a casual worship in the dining room. It will be very close to Thanksgiving and the November soup night in years past has always been special. Many of us are thinking of our blessings and remembering others in need. We usually have our biggest crowd in November. Last year the food bank already had their feed-a-friend baskets made up but some were lacking the turkey. Our donation helped complete some of the baskets.

Our soups will be pepper steak and cream of potato w/ ham. We also have some fun guests coming. Charlie & Carol Reed, evangelists from Good Works, Inc. are back! Charlie will be sharing his music with us and Carol will be selling Christian boxed cards. She sells the Dayspring brand and they are quite lovely. Each card has a beautiful picture & a Bible verse. She has an assortment including birthday, holiday, sympathy, and encouragement. I hope we have 100+ people to share the night with.

In looking ahead, something new & fun is planned for December's soup night on Monday, the 19th. Once soup night is over, we're invited anyone to join us in going Christmas Caroling at the mobile home park in South Montrose and Gracious Living Estates. I think it's going to be great time. With so much commercialism over the holidays, high tech gadgets & fancy ecards, sometimes we miss out on is the simple joy of the season. So we want boys, girls, ladies, gents, moms, dads, grandmas & grandpas come sing with us! We hope

to spread Christmas cheer over all of South Montrose.

Chris Smith

**Happenings at the
Montrose Bible Conference**

Young at Heart Luncheons
Wednesday, November 14th
Program on Veterans

Christmas Celebration
Wednesday, December 12th
Begins at 10 a.m. concludes with Lunch
Dreyer Lodge, 218 Locust St, Montrose
\$9 per person
Call for Reservations: 570-278-1001 or
1-800-598-5030

Single Parent Family Retreat
November 16-18, 2012
Check-in begins at 4:30 p.m. on Friday
Special Family Rates
A Stress Free Weekend of fellowship
with other single parent families
Get out of your Routine and Experience God!
Call for a Reservation: 278-1001
www.MontroseBible.org

**Montrose Bible Conference
Christmas Craft Fair**
1 Weekend Only, Don't Miss It!
Friday & Saturday, Nov. 30th & Dec. 1
9 a.m. till 4 p.m.
Lunch will be available
Featuring Local Hand Crafted Items:
Toys, Gifts, Decorations
Home Decor, Baked Goods and much,
much more.
Lake Avenue, Dining Hall
Questions, call 570-278-1001

Our Prayers

In the church: Mandi, Barbara Moriarty, Clint Arnold, 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.

In our community: Julie Fair, Noah &
Naomi, Pat, Lee, Michelle, Randy Ward,
Eleanor, Mary Helen Booth, Janice, Tom
& Carolyn Reese, Gerald Colver, Dewey
Hunsinger, Keith Pratt, John Paul Jones,
Patty Lasher, Helen Crotta, Charlotte
Maxey Ellis, Raymond, Lisa Steele,
Connie Williams, Liz Oliver, Aaron
Olah, Tony, Brooke Arnold, Dee
Pierson, Dick Millard, Stephanie, Duane
Snell, Helen Petersen, Debbie Brewer,
Sharon Rosenkrans, Terry Franks,
Cindy, Lindsay, Kyle & the triplets,
Butch Rosenkrans, Heidi, Jonathan &
Daniel Snell, Katherine, David & Mary
Ann Pierce, Sarah Manzer, Sterling
Barefoot, Les Hawley, Josh Capwell, Liz
Oliver, Reva Cline, Corey Hollister,
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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