

So. Montrose Community Church
November, 2013 Newsletter

Message From Our Pastor . . .

“Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth. Worship the Lord with gladness; come before him with joyful songs. Know that the Lord is God. It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his people, the sheep of his pasture. Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise; give thanks to him and praise his name. For the Lord is good and his love endures forever; his faithfulness continues through all generations”.

(Psalm 100, NIV)

As I think about Thanksgiving quickly approaching, I am reminded of what it means to be thankful not only this time of year, but all year through. As God’s people, we are to continually speak words of gratitude and thanksgiving first to God for all that God has done to make us who and what we are. Secondly, we give thanks to our brothers and sisters in Christ, our family, friends, neighbors, and co-workers, for the means of grace that they are to us.

Thanksgiving is always an act of praise to our Lord, the Creator of all. A biblical thanksgiving begins and ends with God. So, as people of God, we speak words of thankfulness to one another. A thankful heart is like a river that never stops flowing. In our personal prayers, the spirit of thankfulness is flowing. In your day to day routine of life whether it be at home, school or work the spirit of gratitude continues. When we come together as a community of faith to worship on Sunday mornings, the attitude of gratitude is among us. That same spirit carries us throughout the week. The thankful heart overflows from our hearts each time we speak to another person. The attitude of gratitude becomes contagious and soon there is more thankfulness than complaining among us.

We have so much to give thanks to God for. We can never pay God back for his

goodness, but praise should continually come from our mouths. So, in this month of November, let us take some time to offer praise and thanksgiving to our Lord. Secondly, let us take some time to uplift and encourage others in their ministries at our church and in our community.

Have a blessed month of thanksgiving.

Pastor Jane



Soup Night

October's soup night proved to be another fun evening. I cooked 2 new soups, taco & creamy baked potato. We served 92 people dining in & some folks took some home to family or friends who couldn't make it out. I packaged up some leftovers for Pastor Jane to give to people in need. The donations were \$197.

My neighbor Anne Taylor passed away this past September. She had been coming to soup night since it started 5 years ago. The morning she passed away her daughter called me to say that in lieu of flowers family & friends could make donations to soup night or Silver Lake Fire Company. I felt honored they thought of soup night in such a way. I received many encouraging notes & donations from people who loved Mrs. Taylor. They were so generous that I can use that money to buy everything I need for upcoming soup nights for at least 2 months and maybe 3. So until I run out of money I am going to donate everything to the food bank that gets out into our jar by our guests at soup night. I will donate all if the \$197 this month. I hope we have another

great donation next month just in time for Thanksgiving. Last year our donations helped purchase some of the turkeys used in the feed a friend basket.

So.....what else did you miss if you weren't at soup night? You missed super yummy desserts. You missed Kelly & Sue playing and singing for us. You missed clapping & dancing. But there's more.....Cassy and her cousin Mikaela Noble (GG's great granddaughter) who are studying to be massage therapists came and set up their massage chairs and offered free massaged to anyone who wanted one. It was such a treat for the ones who gave it a try. Thank you to Cassy and Mikaela. We hope they do it again for us!

We also met Robin from Progressive Dental. She washed dishes for us for almost 2 hours. Another employee will possibly be joining us next month. We thank them for donating their time & company.

Thank you to my mom, Janet, Annette, GG, and Bev. You're the best. Saving the best for last.....desserts! Thank you to all the yummy bakers in this congregation. Keep 'em coming.

See you next month on November 18.

Chris Smith

Kids JOY

On October 6 we had our 2nd meeting with our new kids group. Since Halloween is around the corner we had some fun with jack-o-lanterns. The kids heard a story about making sure to keep Jesus in mind during this fall **season**. They listened to another story, read by Mary, while Mike carved a pumpkin. During the story Pastor Jane read Bible verses to us explaining how Jesus removed our sin. Just like we have to take the sticky, gooey stuff out of our pumpkins before we light our candle inside, Jesus came to remove our sin and be the Light of the world. The kids sang songs, played pin the tail on the black cat & decorated pumpkins to take home.

Our next Kids JOY meeting will be on November 3, 4:00-5:30. We have a lot planned for a Thanksgiving theme that night. Please tell your family and friends about our new kids club. Any children between 4 years old and 6th grade are welcome.

Chris Smith



Birthdays

November 3rd – Chris Smith

Holiday Donations

Our church will again be collecting food for the holidays for those less fortunate. For Thanksgiving, Trehab has asked us to collect cake mixes and frosting. **Deadline: November 17th**

For Christmas, Interfaith is asking for pineapple **SLICES**. **Deadline: December 15th**

Please leave all donations at the church by the coat rack. Thank you for your generosity!!

Mary Hinds

Red Bird Mission Adult Shoe Boxes

_____ **Man** or _____ **Woman**
Comb or hairbrush Shampoo
Hand lotion deodorant
Tooth brush & paste Full size bar soap
Disposable razors shaving cream
Nail care supplies socks
Work gloves body powder
Please have them to the church by Sunday, November 24th. Thank you.

New Church Website

<http://southmontrose.umcchurches.org/>

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Congratulations

Nic and Ashley Remington had a baby boy, Jack Donald, on September 6th. They live in Denver, CO. This is the 3rd grandson for Bob and Paula Remington. They were lucky enough to have spent over a week with them following Jack's birth.



Happenings at Montrose Bible Conference

Young At Heart Luncheons

Wed, 11/13: Program About Veterans
Wed, 12/11: Christmas Celebration and Around the World Nativities

Each luncheon begins at 10:30am. They are held at Dreyer Lodge, 218 Locust Street, Montrose

Cost: \$9 per person

Reservations: 570-278-1001

Single Parent Family Retreat

November 22 - 24, 2013

A Stress-free weekend of fellowship with other single parent families.

Featuring

a peaceful, safe setting
great meals

appropriate teaching for all ages
lots of laughter and fun!

Get out of your routine to experience God!

Check In begins at 4:30 p.m. on Friday. Rretreat concludes with lunch on Sunday. Special family rates. Call Dreyer Lodge@ 570-278-1001 or 1-800-598-5030---for reservations.

Person In The Spotlight

November I'm spotlighting Elsie Dalrymple. I hope you enjoy getting to know another of your neighbors better!!

Where were you born?

Philadelphia, PA

Where did you go to school?

Frankford High School

What were your favorite subjects/hobbies?

In high school my favorite subjects were history and science. My hobbies were reading, being with my friends, and listening to music.

How many brothers and/or sisters do you have? I have 3 half-brothers and 2 half-sisters. Only one brother is still living.

What was your first job? Secretary to an attorney in Philadelphia.

Did you attend college? No

Tell us about your family, children, grandchildren. Bob and I have three daughters. Karin, who lives in Schnecksville, Susan and Lisa live in Susquehanna County. We have 12 grandchildren (6 boys, 6 girls) and 4 great-grandchildren.

How long have you and Bob been married? It will be 60 years-we were married in St. Phillip's M.E. Church in Philadelphia on July 3, 1954.

What is your favorite book? All of Elisabeth Ogilvie's books, there are many.

What is your favorite movie? "A Walk in the Clouds", also "Under the Tuscan Sun", and musicals like "The Music Man" and "the Sound of Music".

What was your favorite vacation?

Why? Probably one of our last trips together. We had been to Maine on our 25th Anniversary and continued to go to the same Ocean Point Inn. On our 50th anniversary we arrived and were told that our fees had already been paid, (by a daughter), we were greeted with a "Happy Anniversary" at the front desk, and flowers in the room.

How did you and Bob meet? We "hung out" with friends in the same neighborhood.

How has your faith affected your life, or helped your life? This particular church has shown me a group of unusually generous people which I had never seen before. So much is done for those in need. So inspiring!



Communion Serving Schedule

December, 2013 Phyllis Valentine
January, 2014 Diane Linaberry

Nursery and Acolyte Schedule

Nov. 3rd	Sue V.	Matthew
Nov. 10th	Angie	Tanner
Nov. 17th	Denise	Korena
Nov. 24 th	Mary	Cole



Our Prayers

In the church: Grace Harvey, Wayne Singer, Jim Linaberry, Melba Watkins, Joyce & Don Blaisure, Nic Remington, Harry Snell, Ben Owen, Theresa Owen, 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: Justin & Jess, Philippa Follert, Jennifer VanEtten, Sandra Lathrop, Dominic, Arden Baker, Jean Weaver, Wayne Littlejohn, Debbie Bush, Joanne McCain, Sarah and Bill, Tina Barton, Robert Atticks, Sr, Liz Oliver, Julie Fair, Randy Ward, Mary Helen Booth, Dewey Hunsinger, Keith Pratt, John Paul Jones, Helen Crotta, Lisa Steele, Aaron Olah, Brooke Arnold, 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, Sterling Barefoot, Les Hawley, Josh Capwell, teachers and students, those in the military, the unemployed, those in nursing homes, people in prison, our country, our world, our church and each other