

So. Montrose Community Church
January, 2014 Newsletter



Message from Pastor Jane

Happy New Year to Everyone! Here we are in 2014. It is hard to believe that a new year has dawned upon us already, but it is here. I am thankful for each new year. It gives me an opportunity to begin again. A chance to recognize my sins and to seek God's forgiveness for them and to admit my mistakes of the past year. A new year also affords me an opportunity to do better than I did in the past year. 2014 also gives me a chance to grow spiritually. What happens to me spiritually in the new year will depend entirely upon my own openness to God, so that he can move and work in my life. I am reminded time and again that our God never forces himself on anyone of us for any reason. All we have to do is be open to the Spirit. Take some time to take a personal inventory of your life as you begin 2014.

Decide to make God #1 in your life each day, every day! Take time for daily prayer and Bible reading. It really does make a difference on how your day goes. Share your hopes and dreams with your God and ask him to help you reach your goals. Then, really believe that God can work with you and through you to accomplish those goals.

As the Bible says, "redeem the time." Make the most of the "now" because it is really all anyone of us has. As 2014 begins, please take some time to ponder these resolutions: Forget the past, and spend time honoring God more, Live each day for Christ, Trust God with a strong faith, Remain faithful to your Church. Witness with your words and actions, Cultivate and

use the talents that God has given you.
Have a safe and prosperous 2014!



A Prayer for January

by Francis Brienon:

"As we begin and take our first few steps into the future, where nothing is safe and certain, except You, we ask for the courage of the wise men who simply went and followed the star. We ask for their wisdom, in choosing to pursue the deepest truth, not knowing where they would be led. In the year to come, God of all time, be our help and company. Hold our hands as we journey onward and may Your dream of shalom, where all will be at peace, be our guiding star



End of year tax receipts

If you would like to have a receipt of your giving for tax purposes, please let me know at church, or email me at mh0924@epix.net.

Thanks, Mary Hinds

Offering Envelopes

There are new offering envelopes on the table by the front door. You do NOT need to have the same number as last year, just please put your name on the envelope for a few weeks so I can get the records straight. Thank you in advance for your generous giving!

Mary Hinds

Thank You

**Dear Friends and Neighbors at
South Montrose Community Church:**

Though this is a little belated, it is most sincerely sent. We wish to say a "Big Thank

You" to everyone who has helped us through this past difficult year. No matter whether it was sending in food, cards and calls, thoughts and prayers, giving rides, every kindness was appreciated very much. Special thanks to Pastor Jane for being there for us. To Janet Small for all her help and rides. It is a blessing being part of such a caring church family. We hope everyone had a nice Christmas and wish you a Happy Healthy New Year.

Thanks again and God bless!

Harriet and Harry

A Good Book to Read

"God's Smuggler" by Brother Andrew
and it's a true story.

Person In The Spotlight

Our spotlight for January is
Mary Torney. This is her story.

1. Where were you born? I was born on July 11, 1942 in Camden, NJ and raised in Merchantville, NJ.

2. Where did you go to high school? Delaware Township High School in Cherry Hill, NJ, which later was renamed Cherry Hill High School, and later renamed Cherry Hill High School East.

3. Were you involved in any sports or clubs in high school? Some basketball, archery, rink roller skating, and ice skating.

4. Did you go to college? No.

5. What was your first job? Other jobs? Any unusual jobs? As a teenager, baby sitting; later teacher's aide for 6th, 7th and 8th grades; school bus

driver; line technician; making heart catheters; Ames Dept. Store; real estate salesperson; and salesperson at Village Pine Shop.

6. When were you married? Children?

Married February 20, 1959 to Harry. (Married my childhood sweetheart.) 3 children: Harry, Connie, and Mike. 4 Grandchildren: Kaydee, Ben, Megan and Kelly.

7. What places have you lived? West Berlin NJ, Medford NJ, and Montrose PA.

8. What is your favorite vacation spot?

Favorite vacation memory? Alaska, Hawaii, Florida, Maine, Colorado, Kentucky, New York, and many more but PA is the best of all!

9. What do you do in your spare time?

I love to read, water aerobics, hiking and walking.

10. How long have you attended

SMCC? I started when I moved here in 1985 so that makes 29 years in 2014!

11. Do you have a favorite Bible verse or story? Psalms 100, Psalms 23, Psalms 41.

12. What is your favorite room in your

house? Favorite room in my house is eating outside on the deck with food cooked over a wood fire.

13. How has your faith helped you through a difficult time, or was there a specific time that you could feel God working in your life? I have always gone to church- MYF church camp many summers. Faith is a part of my life, there was never any question of the faith. It's always there, even when times are tough.



Nursery Schedule

If you wish to not be on the nursery list please let me know. Thanks! keep praying we will be needed! Mary

Jan. 5 th	Kelly	/	Jan. 12	Sue V
Jan 19 th	Angie	/	Jan. 26 th	Denise
Feb 2 nd	Mary	/	Feb 9 th	Chris
Feb 16 th	Brenda	/	Feb 23 rd	Annette
Mar 2 nd	Kelly	/	Mar 9 th	Sue V
Mar 16 th	Angie	/	Mar 23 rd	Denise
	March 30 th		Mary	



2014 Monthly Flowers

January	Peggy Wood
February	Mary Hinds
March	Paula Remington
April	Diane Linaberry

Congratulations!!!



To Jeff Linaberry & his wife on the birth of their 2nd baby, Abraham Jeffrey Linaberry on December 17th. Abraham weighed in at 5 lbs. 15 oz. & 19 1/2 inches tall. Proud grandparents and family are Jim & Diane Linaberry, Kathryn Linaberry, Wink, Brenda, Clay and Cole Frystak.

Something to Chuckle About ☺

On a bitterly cold winter's morning a husband and wife in the North Hills of Pittsburgh were listening to the radio during breakfast.

They heard the announcer say, "We are going to have 8 to 10 inches of snow today. You must park your car on the even-numbered side of the street, so snow ploughs can get through conveniently".

So the good wife went out and moved her car as instructed.

A week later while they are eating breakfast again, the radio announcer said, "We are expecting 10 to 12 inches of snow today. You must park your car on the odd-numbered side of the street, so the snow plows can get through." The good wife went out and moved her car again.

The next week they are again having breakfast when the radio announcer says, "We are expecting 12 to 14 inches of snow today. You must park. " Then the power went off.!

The good wife was very upset, and with a worried look on her face she said, "I don't know what to do.

Which side of the street do I need to park on so the snow plows can get through?"

Then, with all the love and understanding in his voice that men who are married to blondes (and those with grey hair) always exhibit, the husband replied, "Why don't you just leave the car in the garage this time?"

Intangibles

The gift of love is never measured in monetary way,

For it is only manifested in the actions we display.

The time we spend with children giving guidance, tender care, teaching, praising and uplifting, and just by being there.

The helping hands we offer, small things we do to please – these are the precious treasures that leave sweet memories.

Our kindness and compassion to the aged and inform, the giving of our inner selves are lasting gifts of endless term.

Words of courage and encouragement, a hug to show affection, no diamond, gold or jewel can match the glow of love's perfection.

When we touch the hand of stranger, each time we kneel to pray and invite our Lord to enter, we can brighten someone's day.

These intangibles are gifts from God. Priceless love beyond compare and His love keeps multiplying if only we would share.

Patience Allison Hartbauer



Our Prayers

In the church: Dawn Arnold, Kelly Pratt, Kelly Arndt, Agie Holbert, Grace Harvey, Jim Linaberry, Melba Watkins, Joyce & Don Blaisure, Nic Remington, 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: Teagan Pratt, Terry Cooke, Mary Manzoli, Dottie Henry, Catalina, Edith Brigham, Pat Whitaker,

Mickey Patrick, Sandy, Justin & Jess, Philippa Follert, Jennifer VanEtten, Delbert Potts, Sandra Lathrop, those struggling with addictions, our teenagers in Susquehanna County, Devin, Arden Baker, Wayne Littlejohn, Debbie Bush, Sarah and Bill, Tina Barton, Robert Atticks, Sr, Liz Oliver, 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

New Church Website

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

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