

***So. Montrose Community Church
July, 2014 Newsletter***



Message From Our Pastor

O sing unto the Lord a new song! Sing unto the Lord, all the earth! Lord, we come into your life-giving presence to be refreshed and empowered by your Holy Spirit this summer. The fears, worries, and burdens that we carry often discourage our hearts and rob us of the joy you intended for all of us here upon the earth. This summer, we ask that you drive our fears away and fill us with joy and enthusiasm so that we may sing your praises each day of our lives. Amen.

As we continue our busy lives into the summer, I feel we all need some words and acts of encouragement. We are all blessed by people who put a song in our hearts and a spring into our step. In the book of Acts, we find a person named Barnabas who brought encouragement to the people around him.

Barnabas was a generous giver. He literally saved the early Christian fellowship by selling a piece of land he owned and bringing all the proceeds to the Apostles.

Barnabas was one of those people who, when he gave his heart to Jesus, he also gave his time, his gifts, his presence, his service, and his witness. Barnabas was a generous soul and his generosity became contagious.

At another time, Barnabas encouraged others by his willingness to believe in people even when they had a hard time believing in themselves. He was the first

person to believe in Paul after his conversion experience. He even took John Mark under his wing when Paul became discouraged with him and he and John Mark went off to do their own missionary work together.

In a world where there are so many negative things happening every day, how encouraging it is to have a friend who is positive and encouraging. Barnabas was excited about his faith. He couldn't wait to talk about it to others. Because of his joy and enthusiasm in the faith, many people became followers of Jesus Christ in the early church.

This summer, let us encourage one another in the faith:

- A. Create a pleasant climate in your home where love, joy, kindness, and peace can grow.
- B. Use your words wisely, let us lift up one another.
- C. Breathe some fresh air into your life by daily reading scripture, a devotional, listening to Christian music, singing a song of praise.
- D. Break the ice with someone that you are holding a grudge against.
- E. There are times when words aren't enough to lift up a broken spirit, sending someone a small gift can brighten someone's spirit.
- F. Come regularly to worship. Let the spirit speak to your heart so that you may have life and have it abundantly.
- G. When someone is deeply hurting, be there for them. Spend time with a family member or friend in need.
- H. Swim in God's love and in turn love your neighbor.
- I. Share a smile with someone you pass on the street.
- J. Be kind to the clerk in the store that is trying to serve you.

There are people in our South Montrose Church family and in our Montrose Area community that are hurting right now. The problem is you and I may not know who they are. We have become professionals at hiding behind the mask of a smile, at acting like everything is going great. We can be smiling on the outside and crying on the inside. That is why it is so important to reach out with encouragement to those who are part of our church and community. Let us all bring some sunshine into the community this July.

Blessings to everyone! Pastor Jane

Spotlight of the Month

Dick Allen

I visited with him one morning. We had a wonderful chat, here are some facts about him. We talked a lot about his beautiful wife June, who went to be with the Lord on July 6, 2013. He is definitely still feeling the pain of her loss. What a loving husband he was to her.

1. Where were you born? In South Montrose, 2 houses down from where I live now.

2. Where did you go to high school? Montrose High School

3. Were you involved in any sports or clubs in high school? It was the beginning of WWII, everything was rationed, including gasoline, so they couldn't travel to play sports or go to club events. I played baseball in the back of the school during grade school.

4. Did you go to college? If so, where? What degree? No, went into the service after high school and served a little over 2 years.

5. What was your first job? Other jobs? Any unusual job? When I was 14, I

worked at Byron Crisman's farm. They worked from 5 in the morning until late at night, and I was paid a dollar a day, but remember the great meals I got there. Later I worked for his grandfather at the factory behind our house. This is where I met my bride-to-be June Richardson. Worked for 37 years at Bendix, and walked to work every day, and got hit by a car twice! Fortunately both times my lunch pail took the brunt of the hit. I had no unusual jobs, except some of the jobs I did in the service where I got to see France, Germany and Austria while serving.

6. When were you married? Children?

June and I were married August 16, 1947, after I got out of the service. In April 1948, we bought the house I live in now, for \$5,600. We have 2 children; Terri works at Trehab as transportation coordinator, Dean works as a painter, plasterer, and carpet cleaner. We have 4 grandchildren, Jason and Amy (Jason is a chef who now works at the Fire and Ice Restaurant in Trucksville, Amy works for Enterprise Rental in Harrisburg), and Corey and Casey. Corey works at P&G and Casey works at Time Warner Cable.

7. What places have you lived? In South Montrose. We lived above where Dawn Arnold lives now, and then moved to our current house.

8. What is your favorite vacation spot? Favorite vacation memory? They were very fortunate to take a trip every year and did extensive traveling. Weather-wise, the best place was Hawaii. The most beautiful scenery was in Alaska. We honeymooned in Niagara Falls. There were many memories, but one that stands out is when Terri was small. We were in Virginia, and had stopped in Harper's Ferry for a picnic. We had bought hot dogs, bread and soda. It started pouring rain, so we couldn't get out of the car. Terri was so hungry, Dick looked

in the back seat and she was eating a cold, raw hot dog!

9. What do you do in your spare time? AI don't have much spare time, but when I do, I work outside a lot, goes golfing and fishing. (He had golfed twice the week we chatted) That is pretty good for 87 years young! I am a Mason, and has been a Master of 5 different bodies. He has the Knight York Cross of Honor, which is a prestigious honorary degree.

10. How long have you attended SMCC? Since it was up on the hill, probably the early 1930's.

11. Do you have a favorite Bible verse or story? I likes the Psalms and Proverbs. Especially two verses in Proverbs. Proverbs 17:28 "Even a fool who keeps silent is considered wise; when he closes his lips, he is deemed intelligent." And Proverbs 18:22 "He who finds a wife finds a good thing and obtains favor from the LORD." I feel that if you live by the Proverbs, you will have a wonderful and full life.

12. What is your favorite room in your house? The living room, where he reads and watches TV.

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? When I went overseas, I asked God to look over me, and told Him that I would serve Him the best I could if he brought me home safely, and He did.

14. Tell us something about yourself that most people would not know. He wanted to play professional baseball. He played for many years in different leagues.

From Our Church Board **Re: Our Parking Lot**

Cabot Oil sealed our parking lot last week. Access to the church parking lot from what used to be behind Robinson's Market will be blocked off to prevent unauthorized

vehicles, (particularly trucks), from entering as a preventive maintenance measure to preserve our parking lot. Thank you for your understanding.

Message to Ponder

The paradox of our time in history is that we have taller buildings, but shorter tempers; wider freeways, but narrower viewpoints; we spend more, but have less; we buy more, but enjoy it less. We have bigger houses and smaller families; more conveniences, but less time; we have more degrees, but less sense; more knowledge, but less judgment; more experts, but more problems; more medicine, but less wellness.

We drink too much, smoke too much, spend too recklessly, laugh too little, drive too fast, get too angry too quickly, stay up too late, get up too tired, read too little, watch TV too much, and pray too seldom. We have multiplied our possessions, but reduced our values. We talk too much, love too seldom, and hate too often.

We've learned how to make a living, but not a life; we've added years to life, not life to years. We've been all the way to the moon and back, but have trouble crossing the street to meet the new neighbor. We've conquered outer space, but not inner space; we've done larger things, but not better things. We've cleaned up the air, but polluted the soul; we've split the atom, but not our prejudice; we write more, but learn less; we plan more, but accomplish less.

We've learned to rush, but not to wait; we have higher incomes, but lower morals; we have more food, but less appeasement; we build more computers to hold more information to produce more copies than ever, but have less communication; we've become long on quantity, but short on quality. These are the times of fast food and

slow digestion; tall men, and short character; steep profits, and shallow relationships. These are the times of world peace, but domestic warfare; more leisure, but less fun; more kinds of food, but less nutrition. These are days of two incomes, but more divorce; of fancier houses, but broken homes. These are days of quick trips, disposable diapers, throw away morality, one-night stands, overweight bodies, and pills that do everything from cheer, to quiet, to kill. It is time when there is much in the show window and nothing in the stockroom.

Author Unknown

A Man Bought a Donkey

A man bought a donkey from a preacher. The preacher told the man, "this donkey has been trained in a very unique way. The only way to make the donkey go is to say Hallelujah, and the only way to make it stop is to say Amen."

The man immediately got on the animal to try out the preacher's instructions. "Hallelujah!" He shouted. And immediately the donkey began to trot.

"Amen!" He shouted again, and the donkey stopped immediately. "This is great," he said.

With Hallelujah he rode off very proud of his purchase. The man traveled for a long time through some mountains. Soon he was heading towards a cliff. He could not remember the word to make the donkey stop. "STOP!" He blurted, "HALT!" He blurted again. The donkey just kept going, "Oh no, Bible! Church! Please stop!" Cried the man.

He was getting closer and closer to the edge of the cliff. Finally in desperation, the man said a prayer, "Please, dear God, please make this donkey stop before I go off this mountain, in Jesus name, AMEN!"

The donkey came to an abrupt stop, just one step from the edge of the cliff. Immediately the donkey stopped, the man joyously said, "HALLELUJAH!"



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A Centipede Goes to Church

A single guy decides that life would be more fun if he had a pet. So he went to the pet store and told the owner that he wanted to buy an unusual pet. After some discussion, he finally bought a centipede, (100-legged bug), which came in a little white box to use for his house. He took the box back home, found a good location for the box, and decided he would start off by taking his new pet to church with him.

So he asked the centipede in the box, "Would you like to go to church with me today? We will have a good time." But there was no answer from his new pet.

This bothered him a bit, but he waited a few minutes and then asked him again, "How about going to church with me and receive blessings?"

But again, there was no answer from his new friend and pet. So he waited a few minutes more, thinking about the situation.

He decided to ask him one more time. This time putting his face up against the centipede's house and shouting, "Hey, in there! Would you like to go to church with me and learn about the Lord?"

A little voice came out of the box, "I heard you the first time! I'm still putting on my shoes."

Author Unknown

Christian Conferencing

Listed below are two examples of how Christians need to relate to one another as we engage in serious dialogue, particularly over issues that often divide us. In a world and in a time where the manner in which we

address one another is significant, it is critical that we in the church find ways to dialogue with each other as people of faith.

Holy Conferencing Principles:

- *Every person is a child of God.
- *Listen before speaking.
- *Strive to understand from another's point of view.
- *Speak about issues, do not defame persons. Disagree without being disagreeable.
- *Pray, in silence or aloud, about decisions. Let prayer interrupt your busy-ness.
- *Strive to accurately reflect the views of others.

"Make every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace."

Ephesians 4:3

"RESPECT" Eric H. F. Law

- Responsibility for what you say and feel without blaming others,
 - Empathetic Listening,
 - Sensitive to different communication styles
 - Ponder what you hear and feel before you speak,
 - Examine your own assumptions and perceptions,
 - Confidentiality when requested or appropriate,
 - Tolerate ambiguity
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Sunset Service/Luau Party

On July 19th we will be getting together at John and Sue Vandermark's house for a great luau and a beautiful sunset service.

This will be a fantastic time for our whole church family! We will begin at 4:30 with swimming (please keep an eye on your children), dinner will be served at 6:00.

There will be some hawaiian dishes provided, please bring a covered dish.

Think tropical if you want! Drinks and table setting are provided. After dinner there will be games for children young and old, including sack races, a pinata and others. Then around 7:30 or 8:00 Pastor Jane will lead us in a wonderful worship service with the sunset as a backdrop. You can come for all or part of the evening, we hope you will stay for the whole thing!

Wear your favorite tropical attire, and feel the ALOHA! Directions to Vandermark's:

Take the Bendix Road past the old Bendix property, just after Peterson Road there is a sharp left hand turn. Bear to the right at that sharp turn, keeping the red barn to your left.

Go past Johnson Pond. When you come to a 4 way intersection turn left onto Vandermark Road. They are 1.4 miles up Vandermark Road.

Join Jan's Journey Benefit

pay it back On Friday July 25th from 4:00-9:00 there will be a benefit held at the Montrose Fire Hall for Jan Krupinski. Jan is on a journey to good health. Please join her in her fight against breast cancer. She has had surgery, is in the middle of many chemo treatments, and then will have radiation. Her friends and family are planning the benefit to help with expenses. There will be chicken dinners with Pecos Bill's BBQ chicken, homemade sides and a drink. Presale tickets are suggested. There will be kids meals (hot dog, chips, drink), basket raffle, silent auction, bake sale, kids activities and a DJ. Jan and her husband have spent their lives helping others, it is time to! Join Jan's Journey!! For info, see Mary Hinds



Happenings at Montrose Bible Conference

Young At Heart Luncheon

Wednesday, July 9th. Missions in Bolivia with Chris and Lynn Clark.

Begins at 10:30 a.m. and ends with Lunch

Cost: \$9

Dreyer Hall, Reservations: Call 570-278-1001

Christian Writers Conference

July 20th-25th Sunday evening through Friday morning

Steps to Success: The Power of Story
Nonfiction Book Proposal, Creating a Page Turner, Writing for the Youth Market

Other Features: Editorial appointments, silver celebration, writers theater and drama improv extravaganza.

For more information, contact MBC at 1-800-598-5030

Women's Resource Center Wish List

The Women's Resource Center is in need of donations of the following items:

Cleaning Supplies: brooms, mops, sponges, dish soap, scrubbies, scouring powder, laundry detergent, 64 oz. or smaller, fabric softener and dryer sheets, paper towels, toilet paper, aluminum foil, plastic wrap, quart and gallon size disposable plastic baggies.

Personal Items: shampoo

Baby Supplies: Wipes, powder, lotion, bath wash.

Household: Sheets, Towels

Hard Covered Journals

Gift Cards: Price Chopper, \$25, Pump & Pantry, \$10

Donations may be brought to church and put in the basket in the Narthex. Cathy McCain will deliver. Thanks in Advance for your generosity.



Dimock Camp Meeting Services Since 1875

2014 Sunday Night Summer Schedule

Website: www.dimockcampmeeting.org

Sunday, July 6th: 6 p.m. Opening Camp Meeting with "Saline", an Original Christian Rock and Modern Worship Band. They bring a high-energy atmosphere where all can enjoy music and experience the joy, hope, and love found in Jesus Christ.
www.salinemusic.com

Saturday, July 12th: Open House at Dimock Campground 11 a.m. till 3 p.m. featuring Gospel Band "Susquehanna Jamcrackers," Damian the Magician, Cosmo and Connie face painting/balloons; games, free hot dog, ice cream bar.

Sunday, July 13th: 6 p.m. Hymn Sing with Steve Hulslander and "Susquehanna Jamcrackers."

Sunday, July 20th: 6 p.m. Heartsongs Ministries with Karen Knight, formerly with Sight and Sound Musicals for over a decade playing the role of Mrs. Noah. She will be bringing singing/drama ministry. Extended Program...1 1/2 hours
www.karenknight.org

Sunday, July 27th: 6 p.m. Grace Fellowship Church of Tunkhannock brings message through praise band and word.

Sunday, August 3rd: 6 p.m. Patti Clark-Yoder...she will bring dramatic and period role of powerful women in the Bible.

Sunday, August 10th: 6 p.m. Farm Hand Boys Bluegrass Gospel Quartet...of Grade Ole Opry...back by popular demand for the second year.

Sunday, August 17th: 6 p.m. Commandment 11 Ministries...Scott Jacobs leads this music ministry which focuses on rehab and prison ministry...back by popular demand for the third year.

www.comandment11.com
Sunday, August 24th: 6 p.m. Susan Klein and Friends...a nationally recognized Christian Ventriloquist from Nanticoke, PA,

bringing the message through puppetry and music.

Sunday, August 31st: 6 p.m. Closing Communion Service led by Rev. Marcia Wilkinson



Acolyte Schedule

July 6th - Korena July 13th - Cole
July 20th - Kayleen July 27th - Elizabeth

Aug. 3rd - CLAY Aug. 10th - Kohen
Aug. 17th - Matthew Aug. 24th - Tanner
Aug. 31st - Korena



Our Prayers

In the church: Dawn Arnold, Kelly Arndt, Jim Linaberry, Joyce & Don Blaisure, Nic Remington, Theresa Owen, Craig Estelle, June Bishop, Marian Nye, Alice Porter, Belma Herrala, Doris Sebring, Doris Larnerd, Bob Dalrymple, Gladys Barber, Peggy Wood, Abe Linaberry, Wink Frystak

In our community: Parsons's family, David Snell, Jack Rookstool, James Walters, Susan Rose, Diane Grick, Stella Wallace, Ana, David & Nicole Wood, Cal Smales, Jeannie Rouse, Theresa, Dennis & Mary Carey, Kelly, Dorothy Wegman, Madison Koloski & family, Jan Krupinski and family, Staff @ Children & Youth, Terry Cooke, Dottie Henry, Catalina, Pat Whitaker, Mickey Patrick, Sandy, Justin & Jess, Jennifer VanEtten, Delbert Potts, Sandra Lathrop, those struggling with addictions, our teenagers in Susquehanna County, Devin, Sarah and Bill, Tina Barton, Robert Atticks, Sr, Randy Ward, Mary Helen Booth Keith Pratt, John Paul

Jones, Helen Crotta, Lisa Steele, Brooke Arnold, Dee Pierson, Dick Millard, Duane Snell, Dennis Snell, Helen Petersen, Debbie Brewer, Terri Franks, Jonathan & Daniel Snell, Katherine, David & Mary Ann Pierce, Les Hawley, 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

Church Website

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

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Blueberry Festival

By: Mary Torney

All money raised at the blueberry festival is donated to the Susquehanna County library.

I will need the following baked goods. .
.the choice is yours: Candy, fudge, cupcakes, brownies, muffins, cookies, breads, etc.

I also need helpers – see me if you can work.

The church's kitchen door will be open on July 31st at 2pm if you'd like to drop off your baked goods. I will pick up them up on Friday @ 8am or you can bring them to The Green. Thank you!