

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



Good Morning, Welcome to August! What a beautiful day it is! The Blueberry Festival is underway. A great BIG thank you to everyone who baked and helped make our bake sale to benefit the Library a wonderful success. We couldn't do what we do without your participation.

Throughout the summer months and into the fall, we celebrate the Pentecost season in the life of the church. In the first half of the church year we celebrate Christ's birth, ministry, death, and resurrection. Currently we are emphasizing Christ's teachings and parables.

In John 14:18, Christ promises, "I will not leave you orphaned." Jesus keeps the promise with the giving of the Holy Spirit to the disciples and to the new church. On Pentecost Sunday which was back in June, we commemorate Christ's church unified in the Holy Spirit, empowered for its mission in the world. The gift of the Holy Spirit is God's way of continuing Christ's work on earth.

Pentecost is the time that we are to grow in the understanding of our Lord's teachings. It is the season during which we focus on applying Christianity to our

daily living. After all the "Hosannas!" it is now time to put muscle on our faith and put it to work!

I know that August is the season of vacations and family reunions and for some a time to relax to enjoy the sunshine, but I would also encourage you to come to worship, to be in daily devotion and prayer as much as you are able. It is in these summer months that we learn so much from the parables and how they may apply to our personal lives. The message of Jesus Christ through the parables is that Jesus' love sustains us and enables the faithful to preserve. We need God's hope, compassion, forgiveness, strength, and message just as much in the summer as we do throughout the year.

Blessings to everyone for a safe, Spirit-filled summer.

Pastor Jane

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**ALOHA!!!**

On July 19th we had a great time at our luau/sunset service held at the Vandermark Farm. There was wonderful food, lots of kids games, and a lovely service. Although we didn't have much sun for the sunset service, the weather was beautiful. Not too hot with a nice breeze. There was a contest for the most Hawaiian look, and Sharon Newhart won!

Thank you so much for hosting John, Sue, Charmarie and Chris





- 4 U.S. Coast Guard Day
- 6 Wiggle Your Toes Day
- 7 National Lighthouse Day
- 8 Sneak Some Zucchini onto Your Neighbor's Porch Day - now that's nasty!
- 9 Book Lover's Day
- 10 Lazy Day
- 10 National S'mores Day
- 11 Presidential Joke Day
- 11 Son and Daughter Day
- 13 Left Handers Day
- 14/15 V-J Day - which date do you mark the end of WWII?
- 15 Relaxation Day - now this one's for me!
- 16 National Tell a Joke Day
- 19 Aviation Day
- 20 National Radio Day
- 21 Senior Citizen's Day
- 22 Be an Angel Day
- 26 National Dog Day
- 26 Women's Equality Day
- 27 Global Forgiveness Day
- 27 Just Because Day
- 30 Toasted Marshmallow Day
- 31 National Trail Mix Day

### Some August Celebrations

Most people think of school when the calendar turns to August. But did you know that August is Admit-You're-Happy- Month, National Golf Month, and National Catfish Month? The first week in August is National Simplify your Life Month. That sounds like something we ALL should celebrate! Some other August observances are:

- 2 National Ice Cream Sandwich Day
- 3 Friendship Day - First Sunday in August
- 3 International Forgiveness Day - First Sunday in August
- 3 National Watermelon Day
- 3 Sisters Day - First Sunday in August



### God's Gym

For those of you who were at church last week, you heard me do my Children's message about muscles. I talked to the kids about physical & spiritual muscles. I had a florescent green poster board with "God's Gym" written across the top. I wrote that at God's Gym there is no membership fee. Workouts with Jesus are free on days that end in Y and His gym is open 24/7.

Adam & Levi seemed to perk up at the mention of Manny Pacquiao, Jeremy Lin, Tim Tebow & Mike Fisher. They knew exactly who those names belonged to...professional athletes. I asked what else those men have in common besides being professional athletes. They are all Christians. They live their faith in their everyday lives and they are proud to tell others where their true strength comes from. They all work out and discipline their bodies every day for their sport, but they receive inner strength from Jesus Christ. They have awesome muscles! Muscles we see on their body & muscles they use with their Jesus-filled heart. So did the apostle Paul. If he isn't a hero or role model to look up to, I don't know who is. Read 1 Corinthians 9 for yourselves. In that chapter I love verses 23-27 most of all. He talks about running a race to win "the prize" and disciplining his body as a boxer would. He says he does not want to become unfit & not be able to finish his work for Jesus. A few chapters back in 1 Corinthians 6:13-20 Paul talks about keeping our bodies clean & pure and to shun wickedness in thoughts, words, or actions. And we're to do this for our own good. Our body is a temple, a very sanctuary, that the Holy Spirit *yearns* to live in. (Jesus WANTS to live in you.) So I guess we better take care of His house!

During my children's message I asked the kids to name some physical exercises & some spiritual exercises we could do to build up nice muscles. Here is their exact list... PHYSICAL MUSCLES, lift weights, 90 push-ups, crunches & sit ups,( and don't forget your cardio,) running & jumping jacks! SPIRITUAL MUSCLES, pray, obey the 10 commandments, be thankful, worship God, come to church, and read your bible. Sounds like a great workout to me.

Maybe like me, you're thinking, "Wow, that sounds pretty hard!" Well, the minute I was thinking that, God whispered to my heart, "A person in a wheel chair would LOVE to try that work out." I have worked out religiously since I was 16 years old. I've also asked God that I live a long life & see all my grandchildren get married & meet my great-grandchildren. I ask Him for a lot. I want to show God I am thankful for all He does for me & that He can trust me to obey Him.

When I get nervous over the number on the scale I remind myself to eat foods God made and drink the water He gave our Earth. Not some junk food or colored drink that someone I will never meet made in a factory and wrapped up in plastic. Do I do all this perfectly? Absolutely not! But I move on & press ahead like Paul said to do. I try to eat 90% healthy and 10% treats. It works pretty well. I also highly recommend *The Body Book*, by Cameron Diaz. It is an amazing book. In addition to being a talented actress, she is one smart cookie. Her book is filled with interesting facts & she has a great sense of humor! Let me know if you'd like to read it & I'll let you borrow it.

The more mature I get the more I work on my spiritual muscles. Lately God keeps telling me to watch my mouth & mind my own business. Not that I go around cussing & gossiping a lot, but that I talk about stuff that doesn't build others up and really isn't any of my concern. I need to pray for people and focus on Jesus, my family & myself. It kind of stings when God first gives it to me like that. But I want to make Him proud. When I do screw up, I repent & receive His grace. I want to honor Him with my words, thoughts & actions. I wake up the next morning & go to God's

Gym. I like working out with Him & for Him.

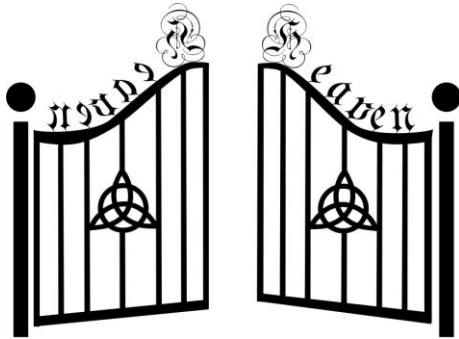
*Exercise daily in God - no spiritual flabbiness please! Workouts in the gymnasium are useful, but a disciplined life in God is far more so, making you fit both today & forever.*

*1 Timothy 4:8 from the Message*

This article is for you, Susan. You're one of my role models. You got great muscles girl!

Chris Smith

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### **A 12-Year-Old Paints Heaven** (Absolutely Amazing)

Whatever your religious belief, this girl is amazingly talented.

If you are not familiar with the current movie "Heaven Is For Real", it's the story of a boy who "died" and went to Heaven. When he was revived, he described what he saw to his parents, including meeting his grandfather that he never knew (identified in pictures later), and a little sister who died before her birth that he hadn't known of. Now the story is a movie.

What an amazing gift ~ wouldn't it be exciting to see her work in years to come!

### **12-Year-Old Paints Heaven** (Absolutely Amazing)

Makes one pause, and reflect!

Some of her art work is at Mardel and is so beautiful it takes your breath away.

If you read the book "Heaven is for Real", this is the little girl who was talked about in the book and her rendition of Christ. Every time the little boy in the book saw a picture of Christ, his folks would ask him if the pictures he saw actually looked like Christ. He would always say no until he saw Akiane's picture of Christ, then he said this is what Christ looks like. After you scroll through her artwork there is a video at the end.

Absolutely amazing. Be sure and watch her video very near the end of the site, after the last picture in the slide presentation.

This is just too beautiful to describe. The Video at the end of the little girl's website is beautiful and amazing. This artist is lovely and her work is gorgeously spiritual.

**Don't skip the video at the end... it really is a "must see"!**

<http://www.shangralafamilyfun.com/p/rodigy.html>

Akiane was born in 1994.

**"Life without God is like a non-sharpened pencil. It has no point."**



**Dimock Camp Meeting Services**  
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**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](http://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

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**Happenings at Montrose Bible Conference...**

**Seniors Bible Conference**

August 10<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup>: Sunday, 7:30 p.m. Concert by Reg & Gretchen Dunneman (they will also be ministering in music all week)

**Speaker:** Steve Herzig, Friends of Israel Ministry, 11 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday.

Wednesday, 11 a.m. Young At Heart \$9 with the Conference Program

**Financial Planning Seminar,**

Wednesday @ 1:45 p.m. "Preserving a Lasting Legacy" with Bernie Bostwick, Ambassador Advisors

For more information, call 570-278-1001 or visit the website:

[www.montrosebible.org](http://www.montrosebible.org)

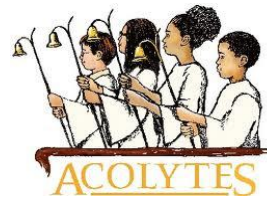
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**Labor Day, September 1**

Chicken BBQ, 1-2 p.m. \$9 per adult, call for children's pricing. Reservations Requested Concert at 2 p.m. "Higher Ground" Robbie and Denise Grimes Family. Concert held at Lale Ave. Dining Room. A free-will offering will be received.

For more information, contact the Bible Conference at 800-598-5030

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Aug. 3<sup>rd</sup> - Clay

Aug. 10<sup>th</sup> - Kohen

Aug. 17<sup>th</sup> - Matthew

Aug. 24<sup>th</sup> - Tanner

Aug. 31<sup>st</sup> - Korena



**Nursery**

August 31<sup>st</sup> Kelly

September 7<sup>th</sup> Mary

September 14<sup>th</sup> Denise

September 21st Mary

September 28<sup>th</sup> Chris



**In the church:** Ryan & MacKenzie, Peggy Jerauld, Harry Snell, Aggie Holbert, Grace Harvey, Wink Frystak, Dawn Arnold, Kelly Arndt, Joyce & Don Blaisure, Nick Remington, Theresa Owen, Craig Estelle, June Bishop, Marian Nye, Alice Porter, Belma Herrala, Doris Sebring, Doris Larnerd, Bob Dalrymple, Gladys Barber, Peggy Wood

**In our community:** Dennis & Mary Carey, Jennifa & Family, Joyce Millard, Sarah Stone, Mark & Leita Smith, Gino, David Snell, Jack Rookstool, James Walters, Susan Rose, Stella Wallace, Ana, David and Nicole Wood, Cal Smales, Jeannie Rouse, Theresa, Dennis and 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 Van Etten, Delbert Potts, Sandra Lathrop, Those Struggling with Addictions, Our Teenagers in Susquehanna County, Devin, Debbie Bush, Sarah and Bill, 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, Terry Franks, Jonathan and 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.

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## **Church Website**

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

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