

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



*Dear Friends . . . .*

**“The Case of the Greedy Dog”**

by Dianne Deming...

Have you ever wanted something you didn't really need? Maybe one of your friends has a great new bike in the latest color combination. Your brother or sister just got the hottest computer game. Your neighbor is getting a new car. It seems everyone is moving up the ladder except you. Our story is about wanting more than you need.

“Once upon a time, a dog was trotting down the road with a happy look on his face. The dog was smiling because he had a nice juicy bone in his mouth. It was not an enormous bone, but then he was not an enormous dog. The bone would make a very tasty meal for the dog indeed. The dog was going to his favorite shady spot across the river to enjoy his lunch. He came to the fallen tree that formed a bridge and started to walk across to the cool shade on the other side. When he reached the middle of the log, the dog glanced down into the water. He stopped in his tracks. ‘What is this?’ he thought to himself. ‘Another dog, and his bone is bigger than mine!’ The dog on the log decided that he wanted the other dog’s bone instead of his own. He tried to snatch the bone from the other dog’s mouth. In trying to bite the other bone, his own bone fell into the water. All the dog got for this trouble was a wet face. For what he had seen in the water was not a dog with a

bigger bone at all. What he saw in the water was his own reflection”.

Speaking to the people in Luke 12:15, Jesus said, “Take care! Protect yourself against the least bit of greed. Life is not defined by what you have, even when you have a lot.”

Over these past few months, many people have felt insecure in life. The stagnant economy, fires, shootings locally and abroad, unrest in the Poconos, lives claimed by cancer has all left many people saying, “Why God?” Family businesses and homes destroyed by fires and economics. Life as we knew it can be turned upside down in a moment’s notice. When life is insecure, we seek security. We want the bigger bone, the new bike, and the new car. We are trying to fill the void with stuff. We are a hungry people, thirsting for wholeness and security. We try to find contentment in our work, in personal relationships and in material things. These things satisfy for a while and then leave us wanting more. In our fear and insecurity we forget that God looks after the sparrows and the lilies of the field and yes, even us. Right after the parable of the greedy farmer, Jesus says, “Don’t worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will wear.” Real life is more than those things. “Do not be afraid little flock, for it is your Father’s good pleasure to give you the kingdom.” Jesus speaks these words as he approaches Jerusalem. Jesus speaks these words as the scribes and Pharisees plot to kill him. How could Jesus say these words knowing that death was coming?

Jesus knew that real security, real contentment, real life can only be found through trusting in God. Yes, we are all going to die one day. Yes, we are going

to have problems to face in our life time. But when we are facing life issues, unemployment, illness and death, we can affirm that the God who created us is in our midst. We are not alone. The bottom line is that we belong to God, not ourselves.

May you sense the presence of the Christ near to your heart as you journey on the road of life and faith.

Pastor Jane



## **SOUP NIGHT**

by Chris Smith

Well...if you weren't at the first soup night...we missed you & you missed a good time. We had 77 guests eating in and quite a few take outs. The donations came to \$199. I saved \$119 for our October soup night & donated \$80 to the food bank. Thank you to my helpers. You are the best. Thank you to the bakers. We had such delicious variety of desserts. Yum.

Next month soup night is on Monday, October 20. We will be serving BBQ Bean Stew (a favorite last year) and Cream of Broccoli. I don't have music scheduled this year besides for November & December, so let me know if you're interested in entertaining us. A member from the Bridgewater church called me last week & wanted to know if he could send some people from their church who want to help do dishes some soup night. I said, "of course, the more the merrier & who turns down volunteer dish washers?"

If you feel led to be a soup night taxi, let me know. I would love to advertise that we would pick up people who live close by & give them a ride. I am thinking within 5 miles. I would advertise that they need to call the church between 9:30-11:30 on

the morning of soup night & give me there name & address.

Tell friends & family about soup night. It is a healthy meal that has protein, veggies, healthy carbs & a few treats. Soup night has friendly people who love talking & laughing. We like to pray for people in our community. We like to hear good news. We like to tell good news. Can't wait to see who comes on October 20<sup>th</sup>.

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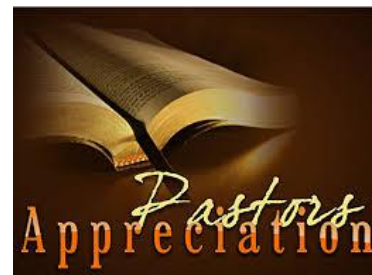
## **Kids J.O.Y.**

by Chris Smith

The kids are back to school. They are also back to Kids J.O.Y., the group our church started last year. We meet the first Sunday of the month from 4:00-5:30. We open with prayer & singing, we have a Bible lesson, we do a craft, play games, & eat snack. In September we focused on John 3:16. We talked about the fact that Jesus loves the WHOLE world. There is no one He doesn't care about. We wrote letters to Sayuri, the girl we sponsor in Mexico, from Compassion International. It was a nice day so we played our games outside. We were also joined by 4 families from the MUMC. It was fun to have more kids with us.

Our next meeting is Sunday, October 4. Let people in our community know about J.O.Y. It stands for Jesus, other & you. We want our kids to live healthy, balanced lives knowing how to give & receive love from Jesus, others & themselves.

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Pastor Jane: A warm thanks for all you do for us, your congregation and the community, in serving the Lord. We appreciate you showing us how much we are loved by God and all that is available to us

thru him. You're motivational, and inspirational and we LOVE your laughter!  
Thanks Pastor Jane!!

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### **FEED A FRIEND Program**

TREHAB is once again sponsoring the Feed A Friend Program. This is the 30th year! This is a combined effort of Trehab, local churches, organizations and agencies as well as WNEP Channel 16. Last year, we distributed over 856 baskets (2,911 individuals) to needy families, elderly and homebound in Susquehanna County. With the strain of high utilities, gas prices and more families facing unemployment, we appreciate all your donations.

Recipients of the Feed A Friend Program have been extremely grateful for the Dessert Fixings supplied by our local churches of Susquehanna County.

So, once again this year we are **collecting Dessert Fixings....**

**Canned Pie Filling, Boxed Pie Crust Mix, Boxed Cake Mixes and Canned Prepared Icings.**

**Please place all your donations in the box in the Narthex.**

**We need all your donations of the dessert fixings by Sunday, November 9th.**

Should you have any questions, please contact Mary Hinds or Pastor Jane

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### **Women's Resource Center** **Donations Needed**

I'm guilty of not making my voice heard in regards to the Women's Resource Center mission we have at our church. However....all that is going to change because I NEED YOUR HELP.

You and I may have never needed to use the WRC but unfortunately thousands of women and children do need to every single

day and our donations no matter how big or small do help these survivors. I call them survivors because they got away from these abusive relationships. A lot of women and children don't and are still victims.

I need your help with this mission, I'm sincerely asking from the bottom of my heart. I have had several friends that have been physically abused, fortunately they got out of their relationships.

Please take the time when you are out grocery shopping or running in the dollar store for something you need to remember these women and children and pick up something for them too. If you don't think you can remember you can give me a donation of any amount and I will do the shopping for you.

Our basket is empty this morning so we have a brand new start.

Levi and Chloe helped me deliver our donations this week to the Montrose Independent and for just a second I thought "what if one of my daughters or granddaughters found themselves in an abusive relationship?" I thank God daily that my girls do not have to worry about this. God has blessed us with two wonderful son-in-laws and I am truly thankful for that and next year when MacKenzie gets married I know in my heart she is also marrying a gentle and loving man.

Unfortunately that's not true for the survivors that do use the WRC. I am asking you to bring in any item that has to do with cleaning until the end of October. Let's remind each other and FILL that basket up so high it's overflowing just like God's love for us.

Have a blessed day and I love you all very much.

Cathy McCain Phone: 570-278-3642

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### **Happenings at Sky Lake** **Second Annual 5K Trail Run and Walk, Sunday, October 5th:** This is a classic trail run/walk through the woods of

Sky Lake. Whether you're up for running, walking, or just cheering others on, you'll certainly enjoy this unique opportunity to raise money for the Sky Lake Campership Fund. There will also be a 1K Fun Run/Walk/Stroll of our younger friends. Registration is online.

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**Ladies of the Lake, October 10-12:**

Designed just for women and offers a variety of mild and wild activities from which to choose. A great opportunity for the women in your life to have a blast while spending some quality time building relationships with other Christians and with God.

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**Fall Ladies Retreat - October 24-26, 2014**

Kimberly Kirk, Speaker  
Sue and Jeff Duffield, Musicians

Can't come all weekend? Join us for our Ladies Morning Escape--Saturday at 8:30 a.m. which includes breakfast, uplifting bible study, and warm fellowship.

Questions, call, 800-598-5030  
[mbc@MontroseBible.org](mailto:mbc@MontroseBible.org)



**Single Parent Family Retreat  
November 21-23, 2014**

A stress free weekend of fellowship with other single parent families. Featuring: a peaceful, safe, setting appropriate; teaching for all ages; lots of laughter and family fun.

Get out of your routine to experience God!

Check In begins at 4:30 p.m. on Friday. Retreat concludes with Sunday lunch.

Special family rates available, call Montrose Bible Conference at 570-278-1001

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**Second Sundays (October, December, February, & April).** This is a gathering of youth that will take place at Sky Lake the Second Sunday of every other month from October through April. Start times will vary. See Pastor Jane for more information.

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**Let Us Think Before We Act**

There once was a little boy who had a bad temper. His father gave him a bag of nails and told him that every time he lost his temper, he must hammer a nail into the back of the fence...

The first day the boy had driven 37 nails into the fence. Over the next few weeks, as he learned to control his anger, the number of nails hammered daily lessened. He discovered it was easier to hold his temper than to drive those nails into the fence.

Finally the day came when the boy didn't lose his temper at all.

He told his father about it and the father suggested that the boy now pull out one nail for each day that he was able to hold his temper. The days passed and the young boy was finally able to tell his father that all the nails were gone.

The father took his son by the hand and led him to the fence. He said, "You have done well, my son, but look at the holes in the fence...The fence will never be the same. When you say things in anger, they leave a scar just like this. You can put a knife in a man and draw it out. But it won't matter how many times you say I'm sorry, the wound will still be there. A verbal wound is as bad as a physical one.

Author Unknown

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Oct. 5<sup>th</sup> - Kohen    Oct. 12<sup>th</sup> - Matthew  
 Oct. 19<sup>th</sup> - Tanner    Oct. 26<sup>th</sup> - Korena

Nov. 2<sup>nd</sup> - Cole    Nov. 9<sup>th</sup> - Kayleen  
 Nov. 16<sup>th</sup> - Elizabeth    Nov. 23<sup>rd</sup> - Clay  
 Nov. 30<sup>th</sup> - Kohen

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**Nursery**

October 5<sup>th</sup>    Brenda Frystak  
 October 12<sup>th</sup>    Annette Salsman  
 October 19<sup>th</sup>    Kelly Pratt  
 October 26<sup>th</sup>    Sue Vandermark  
 November 2<sup>nd</sup>    Angie Frystak

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**Communion Preparation**

October 5<sup>th</sup> -    Mary Jane Long  
 November 2<sup>nd</sup> -    Diane Myers  
 December 7<sup>th</sup> -    Sharon Newhart  
 Christmas Eve -    Paula Remington

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Saving Grace Practice - 6pm on Sundays  
 Senior Choir practice - 7pm on Sundays

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**In the church:** Kelly, Ryan & MacKenzie, Peggy Jerauld, Harry Snell, Aggie Holbert, Grace Harvey, Wink Frystak, 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

**In our community:** Kat, Issac Hobbs, Ron, Applegate family, Parson's family, Andy Mooney, Jane Perry, Kyle & Lindsay, Dennis Carey and the Bailey family, Jennifa & Family, Joyce Millard, Mark & Leita Smith, Gino, David Snell, Jack Rookstool, James Walters, Susan Rose, Stella Wallace, Ana, David and Nicole Wood, Cal Smales, Jeannie Rouse, Kelly, Dorothy Wegman, 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, 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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