

So. Montrose Community Church

January, 2015 Newsletter



“This is a day of new beginnings, time to remember and move on, time to believe what love is bringing, laying to rest the pain that’s gone. For by the life and death of Jesus, God’s mighty Spirit, now as then, can make for us a world of difference, as faith and hope are born again. Then let us with the Spirit’s daring, step from the past and leave behind our disappointment, guilt, and grieving, seeking new paths, and sure to find. Christ is alive and goes before us to show and share what love can do. This is a day of new beginnings; our God is making all things new.” (Words by Brian Wren, 1978, UMH #383)

2014 is but a memory as you read this newsletter. As we think back over this past year, there maybe things that you would like to change or revise, but there is no going back. But we can start fresh with 2015. We can do things differently this year. We are now blessed with another opportunity to make some goals, resolutions or plans for 2015. What will we do with our hearts, our souls, and our minds this year? What will we pour our lives into this year?

Here are some examples that you might consider as you think about this new year that lies before us.

1. We will faithfully worship God on a regular basis.
2. We will continue to love and be faithful to our children and grandchildren and great grandchildren.
3. We will honor our parents and grandparents
4. We will continue to give our offerings to the Lord.
5. We will do what we can to be a faithful witness of Jesus Christ and his church.
6. We will continue to care about others and help others when we are able.
7. We will continue to use the Bible as a standard for our every day lives.
8. We will invite at least 2 new people to come to worship with us in 2015.
9. We will show respect and honor in our personal relationships.
10. We will live our lives worthy of our calling as disciples of Jesus Christ.

Please pray with me...

Loving God, we awake to this new year, knowing that you will be beside us and alive in us each moment of every day. As this year unfolds give us the strength and the peace that we need to keep going so that we may live a life of joy as You so wish us to have. Thank you, Lord, that every moment is a new beginning, not just the start of a new year. Help us when we are tired, disappointed, frustrated and confused. Fill us with your Holy Spirit this day and every day. Amen.

Happy 2015! “Those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not be weary, they will walk and not faint.” Isaiah 40:31

Pastor Jane



Soup night will be January 26th, the 4th Monday, not the usual 3rd Monday. The soup choices will be Italian sausage & potato stew and cream of potato with ham.

In February, I’ll update you on December’s soup night and donation made to the Food Bank. Thank you to everyone attended and donated!

Chris Smith



What a wonderful birthday I had! Mike, Mary, Ben and Matthew hosted a lunch at Mazar's. My sister and four of our nieces were there. I want to thank my family for a great day. Also thank you to all of my church family who sent cards and good wishes.

God bless you all. Barbara Moriarity



Outreach Committee We wanted to remind our church families and supporters that if you know of a need, to please contact Pastor Jane, Peggy Jerauld,

Mary Mead, Gussie Fitze or Paula Remington. Our mission is as follows: The commission on outreach supports the local community by providing immediate assistance to needy families, individuals or organizations. The Commission will address requests from the Pastor or individuals for monetary assistance within the local community. All assistance, requests for assistance are to be kept confidential by the Pastor, commission members and auditors.

Funds: All funds not in cash reserve will be held in a separate account. Fund will be audited by the audit committee at the annual audit of the So. Montrose Community Church.

We also would like to have a \$100 worth of gift cards in \$25.00 denominations kept at the church in the event someone comes to the church asking for assistance. If you'd like to contribute toward these gift cards, please see any of the committee members.

As always, thank you for your generosity.



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Happenings at Sky Lake

Special Needs Winter Retreat January 4-6, 2015

A retreat for persons ages 15-65 with mild to moderate developmental disabilities needing minimal to no assistance with daily living skills. Enjoy outdoor and indoor winter activities like hiking, singing, worship, crafts, jigsaw puzzles, talent show, sledding, making snow angels, and more!

Location: Riley Lodge

Check In Time: 3 pm on Sunday, Jan. 4th

Departure Time: 1 p.m. on Tuesday, January 6th

Cost: \$235 per person includes two nights lodging, six meals, snacks and program fee.

Sky Lake Family Winter Weekends January 16-19 and February 13-16, 2015

Whether you enjoy cross country skiing, snowshoeing, sledding, sharing in Christian fellowship with others, or just the sight of the winter landscape from inside, you are bound to have a wonderful time at either winter weekend. Created for people of all ages

and families of all descriptions, our family weekends are held at Riley Lodge.

Both weekends officially begin at 10 a.m. on Saturday with dinner at Noon. We can offer a \$360 maximum per family. Families who have more than one child have found this to be beneficial. Friday night arrival not included in the \$360.

Cost: Adult/Teen ages 13 + \$130 per person. Child ages 4-12 \$70 per child

Friday Night Option: \$50 per immediate family

Senior High Winter Retreat February 6-8, 2015

If you are a youth in grade 9, 10, 11, or 12 come spend the weekend with friends old and new. Along with serious times and discussions, there will be plenty of time for serious fun, too. Be sure to bring plenty of outdoor clothing for hiking, sledding and other outdoor fun!

Location: Riley Lodge

Check In Time: 7:30 p.m. on Friday, February 6th

Departure Time: 5 p.m. on Sunday, February 8th

Cost: \$105 per person

Fellows of the Forest March 13-15, 2015

This new retreat for men over the age of 18 is sure to be a blast! Enjoy the fellowship of other Christian men as you participate in your choice of A Range of the Contemplative to Super-Active indoor and outdoor activities that will be offered.

We will begin with check in from 5-7 p.m. on Friday and depart Sunday afternoon

Location: Riley Lodge

Cost: Save \$25 when you register by February 20th. \$200 per person

Rejuvenate: A Spring Ladies of the Lake Experience April 10-12, 2015

You are cordially invited to come away and rest awhile at Sky Lake, free of the distractions of the outside world. Women over the age of 18 will enjoy the company of fellow Christian women as they take advantage of the various "mild and wild" activities that will be offered. We will begin with Check In from 5:30 p.m. till 7 p.m. on Friday and depart Sunday afternoon.

Save \$25 if you register by March 20th

Cost: Riley Lodge: \$200

Cost: Underwood Lodge: \$240

For more information on any of the above, go to www.skylakecenter.org



Woman's Resource Center

Here is WRC most recent Wish List

Cleaning Supplies:

brooms, mops, sponges, dish soap, scrubbies, scouring powder, laundry detergent, 64 oz or smaller, fabric softener 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

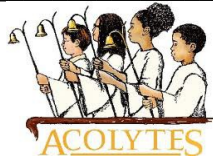
Gift cards:

Price Chopper \$25.00

Pump & Pantry \$10.00

As I read their "wish list" and think about how many times a day we use each one of these items I can't even put myself in their situation. It really is the simple things in life that we take for granted. Thank you again for your generous donations this past month and let's take the time to pray for these women and children when we say our prayers. Let's pray they gain strength and confidence and wisdom for the future and never find themselves in this kind of an abusive relationship again.

Thank you, Cathy McCain



Jan. 4th – Kayleen Jan. 11th – Elizabeth
Jan. 18th – Clay Jan. 25th – Kohen
February 1st – Matthew



Communion Preparation

January 4th – Sue Pratt & Elizabeth Stone
February 1st – Diane Myers
March 1st – Phyllis Valentine

Greeters

Jan. 1st & 2nd Weeks – Remingtons'

Jan. 3rd & 4th Weeks – Wellers'

Feb. 1st & 2nd Weeks – McCains'

Feb. 3rd & 4th Weeks – Tom/Darlene Bisel



In the church: Barb DuMond, Ryan & MacKenzie, Harry Snell, Aggie Holbert, Grace Harvey, Wink Frystak, Joyce & Don Blaisure, Nic Remington, Theresa Owen, Ben Owen, Craig Estelle, June Bishop, Marian Nye, Alice Porter, Belma Herrala, Doris Sebring, Doris Larnerd, Bob Dalrymple, Gladys Barber, Peggy Wood

In our community: David Book, Karen Rudolph & family, Jim Ochse, Joyce Lathrop, Patty Bloomer, Mark Bush, Vanessa West, Emergency Service Personnel, Kat, Issac Hobbs, Ron, Parsons' family, Andy Mooney, Kyle & Lindsay, Joyce Millard, David Snell, Jack Wegman, Jan Krupinski, Staff at Children & Youth, Terry Cooke, Dottie Henry, Catalina, Pat Whitaker, Mickey Patrick, Justin & Jess, Sandra Lathrop, those struggling with addictions, our teenagers in Susquehanna County, Sarah & Bill, Robert Atticks, Sr., Randy Ward, Mary Helen Booth, Keith Pratt, Helen Crotta, Lisa Steele, Brooke Arnold, Dee Pierson, Dick Millard, Duane Snell, Dennis Snell, Helen Petersen, Debbie Brewer, Terry Franks, Jonathan & Daniel Snell, Katherine, David and 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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