

## So. Montrose Community Church April, 15' Newsletter



### Message From Our Pastor

Hello All, spring is just around the corner. I feel like I have said that for a month now, but I am trusting God that it is true. Easter is here! I'm so excited! We celebrate a Risen Savior! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

"When the Sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices so that they could go and anoint Jesus' dead body. Very early on the first day of the week, just after sunrise, they came to the tomb. They were saying to each other, "Who's going to roll the stone away from the entrance for us?" When they looked up, they saw that the stone had been rolled away. Going into the tomb, they saw a young man in a white robe seated on the right side; and they were startled. But he said to them, "Don't be alarmed! You are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has been raised. He isn't here. Look, here's the place where they laid him. Go, tell his disciples, especially Peter, that he is going ahead of you into Galilee. You will see him there, just as he told you. Overcome with terror and dread, they fled from the tomb. They said nothing to anyone, because they were afraid." Mark 16:1-8

Jesus' victory over death and the promise of eternal life set you and me free from the fear of death. On Good Friday, our Lord took on our sins, the sins of the whole world. Our assurance

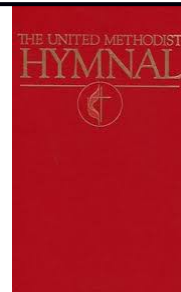
of the forgiveness of our sins is found in the risen Christ. Without the empty tomb there would not be forgiveness. Paradise was once again opened up for each of Jesus' great sacrifice. Praise God that this life that we are living right now is not all there is. The grave is not the end for any of us. The stone rolled away from Jesus' tomb removes our doubts about our eternal destiny.

Easter is a day of profound light. There is tremendous power in the Resurrection. Easter is our assurance of the gift of eternal life. It truly is the reason we come to worship and give thanks. Easter is the reason we are a church at all.

Because of the Resurrection, all of us can say without a doubt with the hymn writer, "Because He lives, I can face tomorrow; because He lives, all fear is gone; because I know He holds the future, and life is worth the living just because He lives". UMH #364 Refrain from "Because He Lives"

Blessings to all of you as you continue to live the Easter message throughout the year.

Pastor Jane



### **Large Print Hymnals**

Large print hymnals are available: They're in the back of the church on top of the coat rack.

### **Spotlight for April 2015 Diane Myers. Enjoy her story!**



**Where were you born?** Montrose, PA in 1943, at home. Our family doctor, Dr. Macky and Grandma helped. Dad worked at Brown and Fassett on Post Street. We lived in an apartment they lived that was beside the mill, and that was where I was born.

**Where did you go to high school?** Montrose High School. Lake Avenue School for 3 years, then graduated from the new building in 1961.

**Were you involved in any sports or clubs in high school?** Tri-Hi-Y, FHA. They had a class called "home ec" in the old days, you could learn to cook and sew. They should still provide that class today!

**Did you go to college?** No

**What was your first job? Other jobs? Any unusual jobs?** Lamb's Restaurant, had to make soft ice cream cones. A&P Grocery Store. Was the 1<sup>st</sup> meat wrapper in Montrose. Trained in Binghamton, I learned a lot about meat, kind of cold but a learning experience. After our 1<sup>st</sup> son was born I stayed home and baby sat other people's children for about 8 years. Then I worked at Asa Park Nursing Home for 9 years. Same owners as Montrose General Hospital. Worked at the hospital for 25 years, retired from there.

**When were you married? How many children & grandchildren?** In 1962 to my high school sweet heart. We were married in the South Montrose Community Church, our reception immediately followed in the church parlor. About 200 people attended and they gave REAL gifts. We opened them before we ate and there was no dancing! We have 3 children; Jerauld, Daniel, and Lisa. 7 grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren. Thankful and proud.

**What places have you lived?** Montrose and South Montrose. We built our home in 1966.

We bought 1 acre of property, "pasture at the time" from Searle Lake for \$300.

**What is your favorite vacation spot? Favorite vacation memory?** West Port, Ontario, Canada since 1961, to a cottage on Wolfe Lake with family that rent other cottages close by. Sometimes there are around 25 of us there. We always catch lots of fish and have a Thursday night fish fry. Cheryl and Dan host. The games and laughter echo. Lots of good fun memories for everyone.

**What do you do in your spare time?** David and I spend a lot of time together. We like to cook and eat home-cooked meals, sit in our new garage, and visit with whoever stops by. All are welcome!! Also crochet, sew, bake, used to cross-stitch, babysit, and spend time with family.

**How long have you attended SMCC?** Ever since I was little. My first memory is singing "Jesus Loves Me" with Doris Sebring at the piano. Teen years MYF was a lot of fun. We used to have parties and go on hay rides. Helped teach Sunday School when our children attended: Helped with Cub Scouts and Girl Scouts. Lisa and I were janitors for a while to earn money for her band trips: We also mowed the lawn.

**Do you have a favorite Bible verse or story?** 23<sup>rd</sup> Psalm has always been. Lately Isaiah 40:31 "They that hope in the Lord shall renew their strength, they will soar as with wings of eagles." Psalm 121:2 "My help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth." Favorite hymn- "What a Friend We Have in Jesus".

**What is your favorite room in your house?** All of them!

**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'm very thankful for family, friends and neighbors that showed me the love of God in the way they lived their lives and treated others.

**Tell us something about yourself that most people don't know:** We just bought a laptop.

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## **SOUP NIGHT**

Soup Night fell on March 16 last month. It was a very festive occasion. We had lots of green decorations & desserts. Kelly & Sue sang Irish songs. It was a fun time. We served 76 people in & had around 12 to go orders. Total we served 88 people. The donations were \$151 and \$50 was given to the food bank.

Our next & last soup night of this season is on April 20. I hope lots of people come out to eat dinner & enjoy good conversation & share some laughs with us. I also HOPE the snow melts so I can get out the sign & advertise the last soup night! Charlie & Carol Reed will be joining us once again that evening. Carol will be selling Dayspring greeting cards. Her cards are beautiful & well priced and she is lovely to talk to. Charlie will be singing, playing the piano, & telling jokes. I will be making chili & cheddar broccoli soup.

Chris Smith



## **EASTER EGGSTRAVAGANZA**

The Kids J.O.Y. group had an Easter Eggstravaganza last Saturday, March 28. We were blessed with 20 children in attendance. We opened with prayer & singing. We had 2 stories & a video. Between the stories & the video the children heard the Easter story from Palm Sunday to the resurrection on Easter morning. We had an Easter Egg hunt in the sanctuary & sang some more. W

ended with fairy tag & human hungry, hungry hippo! It was a good time.

We have enjoyed sharing our Kids J.O.Y. with our friends are MUMC. In May, for our last J.O.Y. meeting, we will be going to their church to have a carnival. Please continue praying for the children in our church & community. Our kids live in a fast paced world with negative thoughts, images & ideas coming at them from all directions. I pray that our church is a place kids can come to learn truth & feel love. Pray for us adults to have fresh ideas for our youth. Please pray for more & more kids to come pouring in!

**Thank You Tom & Sherry Weller!!**



We are so blessed to have some talented painters in our church! Tom and Sherry Weller make barn quilts. They are beautifully painted wooden squares like what you might see in Amish country. They made us a great one that looks like a cross, and it is hanging on the shed in the back lot. Take a minute to check it out and say thanks to Tom and Sherry!



## **Congratulations!!**

To Alan & Peggy Jerauld on the birth of 3 grandsons recently! Allison & Kris had twin boys, Lincoln and Carter on February 13<sup>th</sup> and

Philip and fiancé' Bethany Payne had a son,  
Evan on Marth 10<sup>th</sup>.

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A special thank you to Bob Remington and Mike Hinds for the many hours spent at our church with "behind the scenes" work that they do. Much appreciated. (this article not submitted by editor, but requested by a parishioner)

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### **A New Bible Study is on the Horizon**

**Breaking the Code:**  
**Understanding the Book of Revelation**  
by Bruce M. Metzger

We will be meeting on Wednesdays at 10 a.m. in the Social Hall. Come Join Us! You won't be Disappointed!

#### **There is no book to purchase.**

Wednesday, April 8th  
Wednesday, April 15th  
Wednesday, May 6th  
Wednesday, May 13th  
Wednesday, May 20th  
Wednesday, May 27th  
Wednesday, June 3rd  
Wednesday, June 17<sup>th</sup>

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### **Friends of the United Methodist Homes of PA presents...**

Spring Brunch & Open House  
Sunday, April 19th 10 a.m. till 2 p.m.  
Wesley Village Campus, 209 Roberts Road,  
Pittston, PA  
Donation: \$12 Adults \$6 Children 12 and  
under  
Tickets may be purchased at the door.

### **This year there are 4 reasons to attend:**

- 1. The Food!** There will be an omelet bar, waffle bar, salads, turkey, fish, beef, and ham with all the fixings, drinks, and the most wonderful selection of desserts.
  - 2. The Fellowship!** The yearly chance to see old friends and meet new friends.
  - 3. The Residents!** Proceeds from the Brunch provide extras like entertainment, outings, special needs equipment, Christmas gifts, etc. for the residents that fees and reimbursements do not cover.
  - 4. The Changes!** Wait until you see the progress of the new look of Wesley Village!
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### **Happenings at the Montrose Bible Conference**

#### **Young At heart Luncheons**

Wednesday, **April 8<sup>th</sup>** Easter Celebration and  
Wednesday, **May 13<sup>th</sup>**.  
Speaker Dr. Gary Russell.

We begin at 10:30 a.m. and conclude with lunch

**Location:** Dreyer Hall, 218 Locust Street,  
Montrose

**Cost:** \$9 per person

**Reservations:** 570-278-1001

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#### **Friends of the Ministry Banquet April 16, 2015 at 6:30 p.m.**

**Location:** Dreyer Lodge, Tea Room

**What to Expect:** Delicious buffet dinner and inspiring music. Testimonies of God's power in people's lives. Meet our staff and Board of Directors. Ministry updates and future plans. An offering will be taken for the ongoing ministry.

There is no charge for this celebration, but reservations are required, call 1-800-598-5030

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#### **Spring Spruce Up Days May 1-2, 2015**

Come alone, bring a friend, or a "mission service group."

There are jobs to fit all interests and abilities. Painting, outdoor yard work, window cleaning, repairs, renovations. Montrose Bible Conference will provide meals, tools and any lodging that is needed.

For more information and to sign up, call 570-278-1001

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**Mother's Day Family Buffet**  
**May 10, 2015**

Buffet dinner served from 11:30 a.m. till 2 p.m. at Dreyer Lodge Tea Room. Reservations are required.  
 Cost: \$15 per Adult, \$5 per child ages 5-12, \$2.50 for ages 2-4 and under age 2, free.  
 Prices include complete meal, beverages and gratuity.  
 Reservations, call 1-800-598-5030

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April 5<sup>th</sup> – Tanner      April 12<sup>th</sup> – Kohen  
 April 19<sup>th</sup> – Cole      April 26<sup>th</sup> – Kayleen  
  
 May 3<sup>rd</sup> – Elizabeth      May 10<sup>th</sup> - Clay  
 May 17<sup>th</sup> – Cohen      May 24<sup>th</sup> – Matthew  
 May 31<sup>st</sup> – Tanner



April 5<sup>th</sup> – Mary Torney  
 May 3<sup>rd</sup> – Mary Torney  
 June 7<sup>th</sup> – Bev Way  
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**April**

1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> Weeks – Sharon Newhart  
 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Weeks – Phyllis Valentine & Maxine Fox

**May**

1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> Weeks – Harry & Harriet Snell  
 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Weeks – Gussie & Kathryn  
 5<sup>th</sup> Week – Elsie Dalrymple

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**In Our Church:** Betsy Jones, Chuck Mead, 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, Doris Sebring, Doris Larnerd, Bob Dalrymple, Gladys Barber, Peggy Wood

**In our community:** Walt & Alyce Frystak, Augusta Ostrow, Alaline Williams, John Robertson, Elijah Sabo, Jim Taylor, Charles & Norma, Bernie Boyer, Amos Hollister, Vickie Wickizer, Carol Jones, Jim Ochse, Joyce Lathrop, Patty Bloomer, Mark Bush, Parsons' family, Jane Perry, Kyle & Lindsay, Joyce Millard, David Snell, James Walters, Dorothy Wegman, Staff at Children & Youth, Terry

Cooke, Dottie Henry, Catalina, Pat Whitaker, Mickey Patrick, 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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