

**So. Montrose Community Church**  
**May, 15' Newsletter**



**Dear Friends . . . .**

When I think of the month of May, I am reminded of flowers blooming, lawn mowing and the fresh breeze of spring. It is just a beautiful month filled with sports, walking, jogging, new life, families strolling the streets, and the smell of barbecue grills being fired up for the first time this year. Spring affords us energy and joy as we prepare gardens and make ready for the summer months that are ahead.

On Sunday, May 24th, we will be celebrating Pentecost Sunday. On Pentecost we celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit. God sent the Holy Spirit to the world so that we would always have a part of God living among us. Jesus couldn't stay forever, so God sent his Spirit to stay with us. The Bible describes the Holy Spirit as being kind of like the wind or the breath of God. We all know what wind feels like. The wind of the Holy Spirit is the same wind that first blew on Adam in the Garden of Eden. When God blew on Adam, life came into him. In John 20, we hear about what happened when Jesus told his disciples about the gift of the Spirit. Jesus was standing in a room with them after he had been resurrected. He told them that just as God had sent him into the world, Jesus was now sending them. Jesus needed the disciples to help spread the message of love to others. He then gave them a gift that would help them do that. Jesus breathed on them and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit." They eventually discovered that the Holy Spirit was with them to guide them, strengthen them, and

help them spread the word. I wonder what it was like for Jesus to breathe on them. I wonder what the disciples felt. I wonder if they felt different. I wonder about a lot of things, but I know that the gift was a wonderful thing. I also know that the gift is still with us today. The Holy Spirit guides and strengthens me everyday. The wind of the Spirit enables me to do the work of ministry in faith and love. The wind is blowing today, take in the Spirit and live!

Have a wonderful, Spirit-filled month!

Pastor Jane

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**Ladies Night Out**



Please join us for ladies night at the church on Friday, May 8. Dinner will be at 6:00, (bring a dish or dessert), with a short program upstairs after dinner. The theme this year is western, so grab your cowboy hats and boots, and your moms, daughters, sisters, friends and come out for a great evening!

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**SOUP NIGHT**  
by Chris Smith

The 2014/2015 season of Soup Night has ended. April 20 was our last meal together until September when we start all over again. This past soup night, we served 88 people. The donations totaled \$211 and \$111

was donated to the food bank; the remainder of \$100 will be used for September's soup.

I want to say that we served 88 very hungry people. I made the same amount of soup as usual...which is about 8 gallons; 4 gallons of each kind. We have served more people than that before & had soup leftover. We had only about 6 little containers left over which my helpers took home. That is very unusual. So I am happy that people enjoyed the soups this time. We also had the pleasure of having Charlie & Carol Reed with us. Charlie played the guitar & piano this time: His wife sold cards again. They are always a treat to be around.

I'd like to thank all the people who help me all year by serving, washing dishes, cleaning up, bringing desserts, entertaining us & telling others about soup night. I love you all & I have great time spending time with you. I have gotten to know members of our church & people in our community better than I ever would have.

I added all the months up to give you some totals. From September-April we served 635 people. (Plus, leftovers get frozen & Pastor Jane delivers them as she feels needed by people in the community.) A total of \$1489 was generously donated by our guests. Of the \$1489, \$819 was donated to the food bank & I used \$670 for supplies.

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#### **Montrose Bible Conference**

#### **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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#### **Country Partner Dancing**

Every Tuesday @ 7pm in the church  
basement



#### **Congratulations!!**

To Kevin, Betsy & Owen Jones on the new addition to their family, Parker Christopher on 4/23/15, 7 lbs., 15/8 oz. & 19-3/4" tall. . Also congratulations to Charmarie & Chris Bisel and all the families.

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#### **Women's Resource Center**

**Women's Resource Center are in need of the following items:**

Brooms, mops, sponges, dish soap, scrubbies, scouring powder, laundry detergent, fabric softener, dryer sheets, paper towels, toilet paper, aluminum foil, plastic wrap, quart and gallon size zip lock bags, shampoo, baby supplies, wipes, powder, lotion, bath wash, sheets, pillow cases, bath towels, hard covered journals, gift cards for Price Chopper or Pump and Pantry.

Donations can be put in the basket in the

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foyer of our church. Please give Cathy McCain at call should you have any questions, 570-278-3642

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### Litter Pickup

Litter pickup will be scheduled for some time in May. Bob Remington will let us know when.

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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

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### Communion



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

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### 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:** Chuck Mead, 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, Doris Sebring, Doris Larnerd, Bob Dalrymple, Gladys Barber, Peggy Wood

**In our community:** Hazel Gary, Leila Pierson, Christopher, Augusta Ostrow, Adaline Williams, family of 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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### **Church Website**

<http://southmontrose.umcchurches.org>

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Another great year for soup night!