

*So. Montrose Community Church
July, 2016*

SUMMERTIME

From Our Pastor . . .

This month we celebrate our God-given blessing of freedom. People around the globe have worked and fought for freedom. And many have died for it. Even the Israelites were willing to travel 40 years for it. In John 8, we hear an argument between Jesus and the religious leaders of the day. When Jesus told them that the "truth would set them free", they were not happy. This phrase carried some baggage with it in their background. In their minds, they had endured slavery in Egypt and had received God's promise never to be slaves of anyone's again as we read in Leviticus. That is why the Jewish leaders were always saying they were accountable to God and were not slaves to any government they happened to be under. The Jewish leaders were totally offended by Jesus' use of the phrase, "you will be set free", because they were already free. Here in America, freedom is one of our nations' core values. Like the Jewish leaders of Jesus' day, we bristle if someone tells us that we are not free. Freedom is guaranteed by our Constitution and Bill of Rights. We fight wars for the sake of freedom and most importantly, freedom is written on our hearts. We Americans love freedom. Jesus, in John 8 was talking about freedom from sin and that is ultimate freedom. If we are slaves to sin, then we are not free. On July 4th, we will celebrate Independence Day; a national holiday in our country. We will celebrate our 240 year of freedom! That is something to celebrate!

So, this month, I challenge you to live for Christ, free from the control of sin, and you will be truly free. Have a blessed month and remember that we have all been called to live in freedom--not freedom to satisfy our sinful nature, but freedom to serve one another in love.



The Bishop Was Here!

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On Sunday, June 19th at 10 a.m. we were blessed to have Bishop Jeremiah and Lisa Park join us for worship at South Montrose Community Church. We had heard a month ago that our Bishop was going to be able to come and celebrate our 75th year of ministry in our current building in downtown South Montrose. We were excited. Bishop Park is a "singing bishop" so we were blessed with a lot of singing that pumped us up. Our Senior Choir and Saving Graces, Aaron and Martha added joy and enthusiasm to our special music and singing. Bishop Park's sermon was entitled, "To God Be the Glory". His message in a nutshell was that if we are joyful and faithful on the inside, it will show on the outside and others will be attracted to our joyfulness. If we continue into the future giving God the Glory and praise in all that we do, others will see our excitement and want to be a part of it. It was a grand celebration.

We also celebrated Father's Day on this day with words of thanksgiving and of course pens and candy bars. Everybody loves Chocolate! This was also the last Sunday that the choir and saving graces would share their musical talent for the summer months, so we recognized them and thanked them for their faithfulness and gave them each a glowing candle because they bring joy and light through their music. We also recognized Janet Small who is always faithful to bring Harriet and Aaron to choir practice. Thanks again, Janet. We really appreciate your time and willingness to be their driver for practice and Sunday mornings.

After worship we headed downstairs for a brunch/lunch, took pictures and folks were able to talk with the Bishop and Lisa.

Thanks to everyone for their time and energy in putting this delightful event together.

Pastor Jane



Rummage and Bake Sale

As part of our Family Fun Day on August 13, we are having a rummage sale and a bake sale from 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM. You can start to bring your items on Sunday July 31st. After that you can leave things anytime the church is open or use your key if you have one. Be sure to tell your friends and neighbors that we need items to sell. Two years ago we made \$50.00 on a table Janet saw a neighbor put out for the garbage the night before the sale! Janet will be setting up on Friday, August 12, from 1:00 until 4:00 for your last minute items and baked goods. Baked goods can also be left off by 9:00 Saturday morning. We need your help!!!! Just call or

Speak to Janet in Church and a shift can be arranged.



Country Partner Dancing

Tom and Sherry Weller are teaching Country Partner Dancing on Wednesday evenings @ 6pm – 7:30. All that is required is a small donation for the use of our church. Come have some fun and dance with us!

Exercise Class

Every Tuesday & Friday @ the church from 10am – 11am. Freewill offering to the church

For more information, call (570)278-1489.



Food Bank Request

Sue Vandermark was visiting the food bank and they made a request: They're in need of plastic grocery bags since most donations have to be double bagged. Please take them to the church and John or Sue will see that the food bank gets them. Thank you!

Dimock Campground Sunday Program - 2016

Worship each Sunday at 6:30p.m.

Refreshments to follow

www.dimockcampmeeting.org

- July 10th:** Farm Hands Quartet
- July 17th:** Vocal Accord Barbershop Quartet
- July 24th:** Williamson Branch
- July 31st:** Worship and Music with Rev. Ron Wenzinger
- August 7th:** One Voice Trio and Sunday

School Choirs

August 14th: Worship with Rev. Marian Hartman

August 21st: Step By Step Concert and Worship

August 28th: Mission District of the Evangelical Lutheran Church

September 4th: Season Ending Worship and Communion with Rev. Canon Charles Cesaratti



Many Thanks!!!!

Many thanks to Susan and Kelly Pratt for all their hard work in getting the float ready for the July 4th parade! Pictures to come next month!

Fourth of July trivia:

- 1. What was the main reason the U.S. declared independence?
- 2. How many people signed the Declaration of Independence?
- 3. In what city was the Declaration of Independence signed?
- 4. What are the first seven words of the Declaration of Independence?
- 5. Who approved the Declaration of Independence?
- 6. Whose signature is the largest on the Declaration of Independence?
- 7. Who proposed "Lee's Resolution" on June 1, 1776, declaring that we were independent of Great Britain?
- 8. Who was the king of England when the colonies declared their independence?
- 9. How many people were living in the U. S. in 1776?
- 10. Where does the word "patriotism" come from?
- 11. What were the colors of the first flag?
- 12. What is our national bird?
- 13. Where is the Liberty Bell located?
- 14. Does the Liberty Bell still ring today?

- 15. How did the name "Uncle Sam" originate?
- 16. What is the name of the National Anthem?
- 17. Who wrote the words to the National Anthem?
- 18. Who wrote the music for the National Anthem?
- 19. Who wrote the Pledge of Allegiance?
- 20. Who sewed the first official American flag?
- 21. Why were the stars in a circle on the first flag?
- 22. How tall is the Statue of Liberty?
- 23. What country gave us the Statue of Liberty?
- 24. How many hotdogs are consumed on July 4th each year?
- 25. How much money is spent on fireworks every year?
- 26. Who invented fireworks?
- 27. How many people have cook outs on July 4th?
- 28. When did the Liberty Bell crack?
- 29. When did the Fourth of July become a national holiday?
- 30. Under what circumstances did "The Star Spangled Banner" become the national anthem of the U.S.A?
- 31. How did the US get the motto "In God We Trust"?

(answers on next page)

Kelly & Sue Pratt Performing @ Joycie's

Kelly & Susan Pratt will be providing music on Thursday July 7th from 5:30-8:00pm in the parking lot behind Joycie's (Tannery Place). There will be BBQ by Joycie's and a farmers market (local - homemade - homegrown). Bring lawn chairs and enjoy good food, fellowship, and a variety of music. Please come out and support the local town, businesses and local musicians. Hoping to see lots of friends for a good time.



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Blueberry Festival August 5th & 6th, 2016

The Blueberry Festival will be held on August 5th and 6th this year, on the village

green in Montrose. SMCC will again be helping with the bake sale on Friday. This year I will be taking the reins from Mary Torney for that day. If you are able to help at the festival, please let me know. I will be asking for baked goods when the time gets closer.
Thanks, Mary Hinds

Family Fun Day

On **August 13th**, we will be having a Family Fun Day at the church. There will be a rummage sale, bounce house, kids games and refreshments. Mark your calendars and ask your friends with kids to join us! If you are able to help out, please let Pastor Jane know.

Movie Night

There will be a movie night at the church on **Saturday, September 10th**. We will be showing a family friendly movie and providing snacks, bring the family!

Joint Worship on June 12th

Our sister church, First UMC, New Milford joined us for worship on Sunday June 12th at 10:30 a.m. It was so nice to be together to sing, pray, share concerns, and laugh together. Following worship we gathered downstairs for a picnic. We enjoyed hot dogs and hamburgers and all the fixins plus we made our own ice cream sundaes for dessert.

A few people from each church commented that they so enjoyed talking with one another around the table. Let's do this again some time. I think it would be great to do more events together.

Special thanks to everyone on the 75th committee and others who pitched in and helped to make this event a success!

Answers:

- 1. The people were taxed without representation.
- 2. 56 people signed the Declaration of Independence
- 3. The Declaration of Independence was signed in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
- 4. "When in the course of human events.
- 5. The Second Continental Congress approved the Declaration of Independence.
- 6. The largest signature on the Declaration of Independence is John Hancock's.

- 7. Richard Henry Lee of Virginia proposed Lee's resolution.
- 8. George III was king of England when the colonies declared their independence.
- 9. There were 2.5 million people living in the U. S. in 1776.
- 10. The word "patriotism" comes from the Latin "patria" meaning "fatherland" or "homeland".
- 11. The colors of the first flag were red, white, and blue.
- 12. Our national bird is the bald eagle.
- 13. The Liberty Bell is located in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania in the tower of Independence Hall.
- 14. The Liberty Bell no longer rings. It rang from 1778 to 1835, when it cracked.
- 15. The name: "Uncle Sam" originated in 1812, when a meat packer by the name of Sam Wilson provided meat to the U. S. Army. Someone saw the meat shipments that were stamped with U. S. and joked that the initials stood for "Uncle Sam" and the name stuck
- 16. The name of the National Anthem is the "Star Spangled Banner."
- 17. Francis Scott Key wrote the words to the National Anthem.
- 18. The music for the National Anthem comes from an old English drinking song named, "Anacreon in Heaven."
- 19. Francis Bellamy wrote the Pledge of Allegiance.
- 20. Betsy Ross sewed the first official American flag?
- 21. The stars were in a circle on the first flag to show that all the colonies were equal.
- 22. The Statue of Liberty is 151 feet tall
- 23. France gave us the Statue of Liberty
- 24. Americans consume 150 million hot dogs on July 4th each year.
- 25. Americans spend around 211 million dollars every year on fireworks.
- 26. The Chinese invented fireworks
- 27. Over 74 million people have cookouts on July 4th.
- 28. The first Liberty Bell cracked when it was being tested. It and the second bell were remelted and forged again. The third Liberty Bell cracked in 1835.
- 29. The Fourth of July became an unpaid holiday for federal workers in 1870. In 1938 it

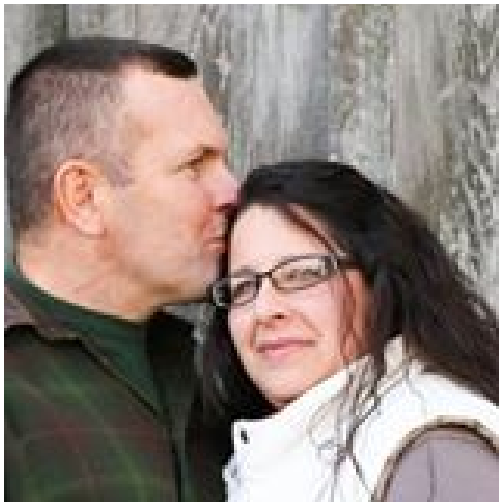
became a paid holiday, and in 1941, it was declared a federal holiday.

•30. In 1912, President Woodrow Wilson made an Executive Order. Then in 1931, by a Congressional resolution..

•31. Francis Scott Key urged the adoption of "In God is our Trust" as the national motto. The United States adopted the motto "[In God We Trust](#)" by law on July 30, 1956 by President Dwight Eisenhower.

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Person In The Spotlight



-Where were you born? I was born at Tyler Memorial Hospital in Tunkhannock, PA on October 2, 1970. My Mom told me I was three weeks late!

-Where did you go to high school? I went to Elk Lake School for my entire 12 years of school. I graduated 2nd in my class of 108 students. Mr. Denkenberger was my favorite math teacher. Calculus was lots of fun!

-Were you involved in any sports or clubs in high school? I played volleyball. I'm not really a club kind of person.

-Did you go to college? If so, where? What degree? I went to Penn State Wilkes-Barre campus for 2 years and received an Associate's Degree in Business Administration.

-What was your first job? Other jobs? Any unusual jobs? My very first job was at Antol's

Drive In. When I worked there, they had a huge menu which included lots of food and ice cream items. The place would be packed every night with lots of people waiting in line for their food and ice cream. I worked with Jim's mom Alyce. This is where Jim and I met. I served him up his favorite ice cream and he asked me out on a date! Once I graduated from college I got a job at Pump n Pantry in the administration office. I spent 10 years there. I have done numerous bookkeeping jobs over the years. I currently work at Griffis Lumber and I am the tax collector for Bridgewater Township. Oh ya – it's almost July – keep a look out for your school real estate tax bill!

-When were you married? Children? Grandchildren? Jim and I got married on April 8, 1992. Of course, you should all remember that since Jim must ask for forgiveness every year because he has trouble remembering the date! Jim and I have two boys, Jesse and Tanner. Both boys are out of school and working on the farm along with lots of machining, mulching, and any other job someone wants them to do. Grateful for the awesome kids I have. No grandchildren yet. I need daughter-in-law's first!

-What places have you lived? I lived in Springville growing up and then moved to Montrose. I grew up with cousins across the road, down the road and both sets of grandparents were within walking distance.

-What is your favorite vacation spot? Favorite vacation memory? I love water so my favorite vacation spots are Eleuthera – an island in the Bahamas and the Finger Lakes in New York. I don't know that I have one particular vacation memory – I like them all. I get to go away and forget about work, enjoy great company, have lots of great conversation, enjoy the blue skies, the turquoise waters and sit by a campfire.

What do you do in your spare time? Well, I don't have very much spare time but when I do I like to hang out with my best friend Betsy Groover, go for a ride and explore the back roads of Pennsylvania and New York with Jim, and this year I'm spending a lot of time in my garden growing lots of flowers.

How long have you attended SMCC? We started attending SMCC when Julia was about 2

years old so that would be about 26 years. We decided that we wanted Julia to start going to Sunday school so we asked our close family friend Beverly Way where she went to church. She told us all about SMCC and so we decided to give it a try. Julia and Emily would attend the nursery class with Phyllis Valentine. As years went on, Jesse started attending classes also. I remember Kim Beardsley would keep the kids attention by feeding them cookies!

Do you have a favorite Bible verse or story? **1 Corinthians 13:4-8** *Love is patient and kind; love does not envy or boast; it is not arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice at wrongdoing, but rejoices with the truth. Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never ends..*

What is your favorite room in your house? Hmm.. a favorite room? It's more like it's my favorite house! I like the whole house! I'm very grateful for our house. We had to work very hard to have our house. We moved into it right after we had Tanner and it was only partially finished. It took a long time to get everything finished in it. I waited 13 years for my kitchen! We drew out our house, sawed out the lumber and built the house ourselves (with family and friends helping of course!)

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 would have to say that my faith helped me the most when Julia passed away. We spent a lot of time reading our bible and listening to what God had to say. It helped us to have the strength to move forward and be happy again. To know that Julia believed in the Lord and we will be together again someday brings us peace.

Tell us something about yourself that most people would not know. That's a hard one. I think I'm a pretty open book. I've always liked photography, scrapbooking and card making. This year my hobby is flowers. I am growing lots of flowers that are good for cutting. I have dahlias, asters, zinnias and dwarf sunflowers growing. I asked Jim what is something people don't know about me and he said "Well, sometimes you are cranky."

Interfaith Sends "Thank You"

"Thank you" hardly seems adequate to say for all of the ways that our community came together to help struggling families during the Christmas season. Many individuals, groups, schools, businesses and churches came together to work, purchase, provide, deliver, handout food, and gifts to families. Around 2,000 people were able to celebrate a brighter Christmas because of our communities' generosity. To each person who helped this endeavor in some way, please accept the depth of the meaning behind these simple words. "Thank You."

Wonderful things happen when people work together. Bountiful Blessings Easter program went very well, individuals, friends, co-workers, neighbors and our businesses came together and provided a nice Easter meal for over 500 families. As Helen Keller so eloquently stated: "Alone we can do so little, together we can do so much."

Coming Up Soon....

Back to School Shoe Program: This program gives kids the confidence to succeed in school and life by offering them school supplies, a backpack and new shoes. A school supply drive is an easy way to have a profound impact on students and their learning experience. Monetary donations are always greatly appreciated to purchase shoes.

Interfaith has a whole new WOW factor! Whether you are here to create, replicate, or salivate we've got hundreds of stylish, thrifted looks for you and your home no matter what the occasion or season. The best part is that the prices are LOWER than ever! We guarantee that you will say "wow-that's a great deal." Shopping at Interfaith supports our programs.

Life is full of unexpected events. Interfaith is here to help individuals and families find a little footing in the shakiest of times. Ultimately our goal is to help families achieve self-sufficiency in the long run. This service provides clothing, personal needs and financial assistance. As well as, household items to persons facing emergency situations, such as fleeing from domestic violence, home fire, floods, utility or energy assistance, and devastating losses. This year Interfaith has helped more than double the people than last.

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Alive in Christ together

Creating New Places for New People

Conference is a dynamic experience beginning with breakfast between 6:30 and 8:00 AM and ending with an inspiring service around 9:00 PM. During these hours we hear many reports about the business of running such a large organization as the Susquehanna Conference of the United Methodist Church. The notebook in the back of the church contains the printed reports. At conference we hear the highlights but also see visuals to help us understand the reports better. This year we heard many reports about how churches are reaching out to new people. Coffeehouses seem to be very popular on college campuses and in the larger cities. About 80% of Americans do not attend church! There are a lot of people out there who need to hear the Word.

Each day we also have the opportunity to hear God's word. Bishop Park shared the story of the sower from Matthew. He reminded us that the sower sowed generously on the shallow soil, the thorny soil, and the good soil. God is in charge. When we spread the Word, He will decide what part of our word flourishes.

We were also blessed to have Joe Castillo as a guest speaker. Joe came to Christ as a teenager in Mexico City after watching a chalk artist perform. In his 40's he became a Pastor and now he is a motivational speaker. A few years ago he performed on America's Got Talent and won third place for the season. Please look him up under his name, Sandstory, or Sand art. His talent is unbelievable. At conference we saw the stories of The Prodigal Son, The Crucifixion, the Creation and God Bless the USA.

Aluminum Tabs

Please save them and put them in the box in the front of the church for labels. I'll be turning them into the Lathrop St. School. Thank you.



Our Prayers

In the church: JoAnn Jerauld, Harry Snell, Aggie Holbert, Grace Harvey, family of Don & Joyce Blaisure, Nic Remington, Theresa Owen, Ben Owen, Craig Estelle, Marian Nye, Alice Porter, Gladys Barber, Peggy Wood

In our community: Patrick family, City of Orlando and our nation, victims & their families of Istanbul, family of Ian King, Rev. Leanne Campbell, Duane Hinds, Ted Lewis, Willie Jessie, Charles, Audrey Cady, TH & Kelly, Kyle & Ashley, People of Texas & West Virginia, Ecuador & Japan, family of Carole Wood, Kyle Kilmer, Montrose School District, Rhoirie, Gary Baker, Bill Copley, Lynn Barlow, Margie Green, Wildoner family, Alyce Frystak, Cindy Holdridge, Mike Kerr, Clara, Kaylee & family, Luella, Mrs. Pettyjohn, Sarah Stone, Patsy Gesford, Olivia & Andy, Sara Madden, Betty Allen, Ken & Evie Walter, Tammy, Herm & Maxine Zappe & their children, Marie Benedict, Considine family, Augusta Ostrow, Elijah, Jim Taylor, Charlie & Norma, Bernie Boyer, Carol Jones, Jim & June Osche, Joyce Lathrop, Jane Perry, Joyce Millard, David Snell, James Walters, Dorothy Wegman, staff @ Children & Youth, Dottie Henry, Catalina, Pat Whitaker, Mickey Patrick, Sandra Lathrop, those struggling with additions, our teenagers in Susquehanna County, Debbie Bush, Randy Ward, Keith & Pat Pratt, Helen Crotta, Lisa Steele, Dee Pierson, Dick Millard, Duane Snell, Dennis Snell, Helen Petersen, John & Daniel Snell, David & Mary Ann Pierce, 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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