

So. Montrose Community Church
June, 2017



Dear Family and Friends:

Greetings on this beautiful spring day! Hope this note finds you well and joyful as we take into ourselves the season of spring/summer in Northeast Pennsylvania and anticipate all those great summer activities just around the corner.

This month is a special month, because we celebrate Dad's Day on June 18th. Most of us have had a father or father figure who served as a role model in our lives. It may have been our own loving father, a caring neighbor, or an adoring grandpa. But whoever this man was, he no doubt modeled goodness, forgiveness, and love. And hopefully this person was someone you looked up to and admired for his strength, courage, faith and guidance.

The parable of the Prodigal Son comes to mind as I think of Dad's Day. The parable allows us to see a father's loving forgiveness and how that forgiveness helps a son that has done wrong. The Prodigal Son parable is an earthly story with a heavenly meaning. It shows God's loving forgiveness toward each of us. When our burdens are too heavy to carry, we need to set down our burdens and ask God for forgiveness.

Think about a time in your life when you needed forgiveness. Have you ever forgiven someone? How did you feel? When we're in need of forgiveness, God is always ready to forgive. We just need to ask. As Dad's Day approaches, what specific action can you take to forgive someone? Have a great Dad's Day!

This month we also celebrate with the graduating class of 2017 whether it be high school, college or beyond. These individuals have reached a milestone in their lives. Let us congratulate all our youth who have accomplished much in these past few years. Also remember to pray for our graduates as they begin a new phase of life.

On June 18th, we will also recognize our Senior Choir and Saving Graces. What a bunch of talented people! We are so blessed to have these folks in our church and choirs. Please share words of thanks with the people of our choirs. Also as the choirs vacation for the summer, we will need some special music each Sunday. If you have a song to share, an instrument to play, or a special reading, please let Charmarie Bisel or Pastor Jane know so that we can get you on the schedule for the summer.

On June 4th this year we celebrate Pentecost Sunday. The Birthday of the Church. We find the story of Pentecost in the book of Acts, chapter 2. The disciples were gathered for the festival of Shavuot (Pentecost) which is a Jewish festival. Jesus and the first disciples were from Jewish families and practiced Jewish customs and celebrated Jewish festivals. Christianity has its roots in Judaism, and it is true that Pentecost was a Jewish festival. However, when the Holy Spirit descended on the disciples that day, the Christian church was born and the festival took on a whole new meaning. Pentecost is the celebration of the Holy Spirit empowering the disciples to carry on the work of Jesus. It is also a reminder each year that we too are given the power to carry the message of the kingdom of God to others.

Blessings to Everyone! Jane

"Soup"er Wednesday

It is a weekly meal that families, friends, and individuals can come in and enjoy! Every meal is FREE and comes with an entree, soup, dessert and drinks (coffee, juice, tea, water). Take outs and special kid's meals are available also.

Who: You Can, She Can. He Can. Everyone Can

What: Deliciously made meals.

When: Every Wednesday 3-7 p.m.

Where: Montrose UMC, 526 Church Street, Montrose, PA 18801

Why: Because we know life can be overwhelming and a community dinner can change the entire outlook on the week!

**Sponsored by the United Methodist Church of
Montrose and
Susquehanna County Interfaith**

**Kelly & Sue Pratt will be performing
patriotic music at 7pm on July 3rd at the Salt**

Springs State Park. Bring a blanket and your voices!



Thank You !

We would like to thank everyone who has helped us since Harry's heart attack. Thank you so much for all your cards, prayers, well wishes, hugs, and words of comfort and encouragement. We are blessed to have such caring friends. Keep the prayers coming for continued improvement. Harry enjoys getting cards and visits:

Harry Snell
Fair Hill Personal Care Home
272 Lamphere Road
Montrose, PA 18801

Sincere thanks to everyone at our church and our friends in the community.

Harriet and Harry



4th Of July Float

**THREE FOR THE 4TH Parade 2017
"Celebrating Rural America 4th"**

The 2017 theme for the annual Independence Day celebration to be held in Montrose on July 4th is "Celebrating Rural America". The KLR (Kiwanis, Lions, Rotary) chose this theme as a way to protect and preserve the image of Rural America as the birthplace of solid character and

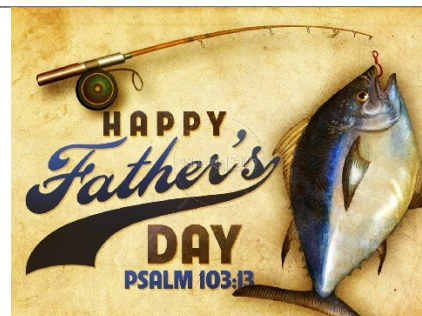
sound values. Rural America is a place where people go to church, work hard, and help one another in ways unknown in the cities and suburbs of America. Every one of us depends on Rural America every day of our lives. The people of Rural America exemplify the values of faith and family, honesty and responsibility, hard work and toughness against adversity, keeping your word and giving back to your community, and treating folks with respect, even if you disagree with them. For Rural Americans, there is a sense of pride in where they live.

The following values reflect the best of Rural America:

- Responsibility
- Volunteerism
- Faith
- Opportunity
- Fairness
- Stewardship

Susan and Kelly Pratt began entering the SMCC floats in 2001 and have continued each year except 2008, Kelly had open heart surgery that June. Anyone can visit our church website to see the floats we had done over the years. It takes time, preparation, helping hands and voices to help sing during the parade to put together our floats. Many many thanks to all who have helped over the years!!! Big thanks to John Vandermark who has let us use his wagon each year to build the float on!!

For the 2017 float we will be asking for help again. Put your thinking caps on and let Sue or Kelly know any thoughts or ideas you may have!



Happy Father's Day – June 18th!!!

Happy father's day to all the dads and fatherly mentors! May you have a blessed day!_

Sign up for “special music” this summer while the choir is on break. Thank you!



How Mother's Day Came About

The celebration of Mother's Day can be traced back to ancient Greece, but the mother of Mother's Day in the United States was Ann Marie Reeves Jarvis, a Methodist from West Virginia.

Her daughter, Anna, led a successful campaign in the early 1900's to have Mother's Day recognized as a national holiday.

Anna was not quite 2 years old when her family moved to Grafton, four miles south of Webster, W.Va. According to historical records, Anna heard her mother express hope that a memorial would be established for all mothers, living and dead.

After the death of her father in 1902, Anna, along with her mother and sister, Lillie, moved to Philadelphia to reside with her brother, Claude. After Ann's death on May 9, 1905, Anna began an intense campaign to fulfill the wish of her mother.

On May 10, 1908, the third anniversary of Ann's death, a program was held at Andrews Methodist Episcopal Church in Grafton and in Philadelphia, launching the observance of a general memorial day for all mothers.

Subsequently, the church observed Mother's Day on the second Sunday of May each year making Andrews the mother church of Mother's Day. The church, no longer an active Methodist congregation, was incorporated as an international shrine in 1962 and is open to the public from 9:30 a.m. till 3:30 p.m. each weekday between April 15 and October 15.

For the first official Mother's Day service in 1908, Anna sent 500 white carnations to the church to be given to the participating mothers. During the next several years, she sent more

than 10,000 carnations there. Carnations--red for the living and white for the deceased--became symbols of the purity, strength and endurance of motherhood.

In her campaign to have Mother's Day recognized as a national holiday, Anna called on clergymen, business leaders, and politicians for help. Those included John Wanamaker, who presided over a Mother's Day service in the 5,000 seat auditorium of his Philadelphia store on May 10, 1908.. More than 15,000 reportedly tried to attend the event, where Anna spoke for more than an hour.

The first Mother's Day proclamation was issued by West Virginia's governor in 1910. The day was celebrated in most states in 1911.

In 1914, the U.S. House and Senate approved a resolution proclaiming the second Sunday of May as Mother's Day. President Woodrow Wilson endorsed it, and Secretary of State William Jennings Bryan proclaimed it.

Today, countries around the world celebrate Mother's Day. Some including Finland, Italy, Turkey, Australia and Belgium have joined the United States in observing it on the second Sunday in May.

Anna spent her remaining years promoting the Mother's Day movement but was unsuccessful at thwarting what she considered commercialization of the day.

She died in 1948 at age 84 and was buried in Philadelphia. On the day of the funeral, the bell on Andrews Church in Grafton tolled 84 times in her honor.

The home where Anna was born in the village of Webster, W.Va., has been restored as a museum and is open for visitors from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Tuesday through Sunday and all holidays, March through December.

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Chuckle

An elderly woman died last month. Having never married, she requested no male pallbearers. In her hand written instructions for her memorial service, she wrote, "They wouldn't take me out while I was alive, I don't want them to take me out when I'm dead."

Author Unknown

Announcements

June 6th @ 11:30 - Luau at The Square
June 17th @ 1:30 - 4:30: Safe Sanctuaries Training in New Milford



Flowers for the Altar

June – Cathy McCain
July – Brenda Frystak
August – Martha Denkenberger



Exercise Class

Every Tuesday & Thursdays at the church from 10am – 11am. Freewill offering to the church

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



Our Prayers

In the church: Jean Weaver, Mary Jane Long, Grace Harvey, Harry & Harriet Snell, Aggie Holbert, Nic Remington, Theresa Owen, Ben Owen, Craig Estelle, Marion Nye, Alice Porter,

Gladys Barber, Peggy Wood, Wink Frystak, Gussie Fritz, Betsy Jones, Matt Hinds

In our community: Dennis Carey, Levi Tyler, Letia & Mark, Jeanette Smith, Lucas/Brunges family, Coy family, family of Dave Stone, Claudia, Patsy Brister, Vanessa West, Betty Pykus, Raymond Arnold, Pat Amendola, Tony Susi, John Capoccia, Shelly Shepherd, Josh Roe, Will, Bill Lawyer, John Breen, Whitney & Rob Johnson, Courtney Sterling, RaeBelle Albeck, Bill Robinson, Monica Anderson, Ted Lewis, Audrey Cady, Kyle & Ashley, Ashley Kilmer, Gary Baker, Bill Copley, Marge Green, Wildoner family, Alyce Frystak, Clara, Kaylee & family, Mrs. Pettyjohn, Sarah Manzer, Betty Allen, Hunsinger family, Tammy, Herm & Maxine Zappe, Elijah, Jim Taylor, Bernie Boyer, Carol Jones, Jim & June Ochse, Jane Perry, Joyce Millard, James Walters, staff at Children & Youth, Dottie Henry, Catalina, Sandra Lathrop, those struggling with addictions, our teenagers in Susquehanna County, Debbie Bush, Randy Ward, Pat Pratt, Helen Crotta, Lisa Steele, Dee Pierson, Duane Snell, Dennis Snell, Helen Petersen, Jonathan & Daniel Snell, teachers & 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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<http://southmontrose.umchurches.org>

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