

***So. Montrose Community Church
October, 2017***



Dear Family and Friends:

Here in South Montrose, the leaves are beginning to change color. We are now officially in the fall season. God is beginning to paint a beautiful portrait of our mountains and hills for all of us to behold. Color adds so much beauty to our streets and highways. Take some time to enjoy the beauty as you drive around our area. It's nice to live in an area where the seasons change and our spirits are refreshed.

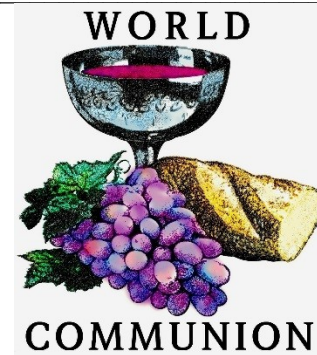
This past week I was taking some time to be refreshed myself and I came across an article about being molded by God's hands. I would just like to share a few insights from that article that inspired me. We are really just lumps of clay until God gets a hold of us. Clay is cool, because you can shape it into anything you want. It squishes and moves under your fingers until you have a bowl or a bird. The beauty of working with clay is that if you make a mistake, you can easily reshape the clay and fix it. An artist who works with clay is called the potter. Scripture tells us that God is the potter and we are the clay. I think that God wants to shape us into the very best people we can be. For God to be able to shape and reshape us, we need to stay open and available to God. Have you ever forgotten to put your clay or play dough away after having a fun afternoon? Think for a moment with me about what happens to the clay or play dough when we leave it out? Usually mine becomes hard and dry and then I can't really make anything out of it. As God's people, we need to stay soft and moldable so that God can shape us into disciples. God wants to fill us with goodness, kindness, generosity, honesty

and faith just like we would want to fill a clay bowl that we made with good things. One of the great things about being shaped by God is that God always wants us to share those good things with our neighbors, friends, and ultimately the world.

In this fall season as we behold the changing beauty all around us, let's see what God can do through us if we are willing.

Have a beautiful fall.

Pastor Jane



Sunday, October 1st.

In the midst of the beauty of God's creation, we Christians celebrate World Communion Sunday on October 1st. On this day, Christians feel and experience their oneness and unity in this period of common fellowship around the table of our Lord. Churches of all denominations experience this awareness of one fellowship as the vast multitudes of believers all over the world respond to the request of Jesus Christ our Lord, who said, "Do this in remembrance of me." On this day we realize that all of us are bound to Christ by the strong bond of love and fellowship. There is nothing more personal than communion.

Each of us brings our own individualized offering to God. God wants our brokenness in order to make us whole again. Jesus wants our emptiness so that he can fill it for us. All Christ asks is that we come with a humble heart with the door unlatched so that Christ can truly sup with us. Then as we are renewed and invigorated, Christ calls us to go forth into our everyday routines with a renewed sense of forgiveness, hope and love that all the world can see and taste. Come join us for worship on World Communion Sunday and every Sunday.

May our faith be strengthened and may our lives be about producing an abundance of fruit this fall. Blessings to everyone as the Lord does a mighty work in your life.

The dedication of the Alter cloths and banners will be dedicated In Memory of Kathryn Linaberry as well.

Pastor Jane

Crafts & Fellowship @ The Square

Come join in the fun on Tuesday,
October 3rd at 1:30pm.



Soup Night – Monday, October 9th

The soup choices for October are hamburger vegetables and cheddar broccoli. As usual, bread, salad and dessert will be available.

Soup night is a free meal to anyone. It's a chance for folks who may not need a meal, but need the conversation & fellowship. It is also for people who may want to come & make a donation because they want to help the food bank. I love to look through the kitchen window and see people of all ages eating & laughing together.

Thank you!

Special thanks to everyone who contributed to the fundraiser, "Sing For Texas" on 9/17/17 at the Harford church. \$3,292.82 was raised and will be sent to UMCOR for Hurricane Harvey Relief.



Starting in September, fall exercise classes will be going back to Tuesdays and Fridays from 10am – 11am.

We'll also be learning a few line dances at the classes.



Once again, Chris Smith and her circle of volunteers will be hosting the 3rd annual free Thanksgiving meal on November 23rd or as Chloe phrases the dinner, "party at our church." Chris will be advertising for the event. Sign up sheets will be passed around sometime in October or November.

Last year, 92 people enjoyed the meal (24 more than the 1st dinner in 2015). If you plan on coming, it'd be helpful to let Chris know in order to plan food portions. Thank you!

Free Thanksgiving Day Meal

So. Montrose Community Church

Thursday, Nov 23th

Noon til 2:00pm.

Traditional Thanksgiving meal with all

the fixings, plus dessert

All are welcome!



People Who Would LOVE Getting A Card

Harry Snell

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272 Lamphere Road
Montrose PA 18801

Gussie Fritz

Gracious Living Estates
10543 State Route 29
Montrose PA 18801

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October – Peggy Jerauld & Diane Myers

November – Beverly Way

December – Angie Frystak



Our Prayers

In the church: Joyce DePaola, Jean Weaver, Mary Jane Long, Grace Harvey, Harry & Harriet Snell, Aggie Holbert, Nic Remington, Theresa Owen, Ben Owen, Craig Estelle, Marian Nye, Alice Porter, Gladys Barber, Peggy Wood, Wink Frystak, Gussie Fritz, Betsy Jones, Matt Hinds, Bob and Chris Linaberry

In our community: Nancy, the wildfires, Jack, Elijah Sabo, Jim Phillips, Frank Logue, Texas and FL flooding, Justin Guyrs, Charlottesville, VA, national relations, Ruth, Karen Cox, Will & Sarah, Mary Alice Hawley, Alissa Macazan, Vanessa West, Betty Pykus, Raymond Arnold, Pat Amendola, Tony Susi, John Capoccia, Shelly Shepherd, Josh Roe, Bill Lawyer, John Breen, Whitney & Rob Johnson, Courtney Sterling, RaeBelle Albeck, Bill Robinson, Monica Anderson, Audrey Cady, Kyle & Ashley, Ashley Kilmer, Gary Baker, Bill Copley, Margie Green, Clara, Kaylee & Family, Mrs. Pettyjohn, Sarah Manzer, Betty Allen, Tammy, Jim Taylor, Bernie Boyer, Carol Jones, Jim & June Ochse, Jane Perry, Joyce Millard, James Walters, Staff @ 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 and Daniel Snell, 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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