

South Montrose Community Church May 2018 Newsletter

Pastor's Perspective



It is finally spring in South Montrose. You can hear the birds singing and you can touch the pussy willow and know you are in a new season of the year. I've even seen some brave daffodils blooming. After weeks of gray clouds and temperatures in the 40's, we have some spring-like weather. Folks are beginning to clean up their yards and the shorts and flip-flops are coming out of our closets. Bikes and skates are coming out of the garages. The forsythia, tulips, and dandelions are thinking it is time to adorn our countryside with their beauty.

During spring and in the month of May we give thanks for our Moms. We have to admit that motherhood is a tough job without much training. It is a job that requires commitment to her family. A few mothers are mentioned in the Bible. We have heard about Hannah's sacrificial love for Samuel. We remember Mary and Elizabeth's unquestioning faith in their sons and we can't forget Ruth's love for her son, Obed. If you will think back to Exodus 2, you will remember Moses's mother. Her name is not mentioned, but she is the epitome of a loving, caring, and protective mother. She protected Moses, took care of him, worked for him and loved him.

This month, I would encourage you to answer a few questions about your special Mom. 1. In what ways does your Mom care for you? 2. How is this like the ways God cares for you? 3. How can caring for others draw us closer to God and to our families? 4. What can

you do this month to thank Mom or someone else for caring for you?

This May, Pentecost Sunday is on the 20th. 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 Christians Church was born and the festival took on a whole new meaning. Pentecost is the birthday of the church. It is a celebration of the Holy Spirit empowering the disciples to carry on the work of Jesus. It is also a reminder to us each year that we too are given the power to carry the message of the kingdom of God to others. Have a blessed month! Pastor Jane

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Message from Bishop Park



April 27, 2018

"For he is our peace; in his flesh he has made both groups into one and has broken down the dividing wall, that is, the hostility between us." (Ephesians 2:14)

"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future." (Jeremiah 29:11)

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

Grace and peace to you in the most precious name of Jesus Christ the Risen Savior!

My heart was overwhelmed by what I saw on TV that showed the incredible moment when the two leaders of South and North Korea crossed the demarcation line and shook each other's hand. It was not even conceivable a few months ago. It is a surreal, as well as an emotional moment. I imagine what went through the minds and hearts of the Korean people as they witnessed this amazing and historic moment. It was a "Wow!" moment and "divine moment" combined in a very special way to so many people. Particularly, it was an intensely personal moment to those who have been separated from their loved ones for over 70 years. It was also a very special and personal moment for me. On October 11, 2014, thirty-five of us from the Susquehanna Conference were right there in that space where Moon of the South and Kim of the North walked together.

I know that this is only a beginning toward the long and challenging goal of peace and reconciliation in Korea. The agreements made are aspirational in many aspects at this point. But an incredible giant first step was taken in an unprecedented fashion. There seems to be a real season of change as the dream of ending the Korean War, the total removal of nuclearized military capability, and permanent peace becomes more alive than before. We are seeing a dramatic reversion from a rapid escalation towards an unavoidable war by irreconcilable forces on a collision course, to a renewed peace in Korea out of a sense of desperation and despair before, but now I pray with a renewed sense of hope.

We are in Eastertide now, but we are perpetually Easter people by always joining the revolt of hope even in the midst of deep despair. Indeed, we worship and serve the God of hope. Our God can make a way out of no way and bring life out of death. So we never ever give up on hope. I solicit your prayers that the peace and reconciliation in Korea will be a gift not only to the Korean people, but also to the rest of the world. As our prayers are intensified for such a time as this, God raises the

tide of peace higher, breaking the dividing wall of hostility everywhere.

In the name Jesus Christ, Prince of Peace, Healer of our brokenness, and Hope of the world.

Bishop Jeremiah J. Park

Transitional Housing Program Now in Susquehanna County

(taken from the Women's Resource Center Newsletter Spring/Summer, 2018)

This past October, WRC was awarded a three-year Office on Violence Against Women (OVW) grant for Transitional Housing Programming serving survivors of sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence, and stalking. This award has resulted in the reinstatement of the Transitional Housing Program in Susquehanna County. The overall goal of this grant is for the Susquehanna County Office of WRC to provide housing and support services to 8 survivors and 12 children through September 2020. At this point in time, the Susquehanna County office has two adult survivors and their four children in the Transitional Housing Program. Rental assistance is provided for a 6-18 month period, with an extension possible. The program staff also supports these survivors in identifying and working towards achieving their goals in a variety of life domains such as employment, education, permanent housing and financial stability. Quarterly meetings are hosted with community partners from Trehab and Susquehanna County Housing and Redevelopment Authority to discuss coordination of services as well as identify and problem solve housing and service-related barriers that survivors may be facing in rural communities.

Werdon Allen and family wish to thank all who have sent cards or expressed sympathy regarding Betty's death. (see obituary below)



Betty Allen, beloved wife of Werdon Allen formerly of South Montrose, passed away on March 23, 2018 at Bellingham Senior Center in West Chester at age 97.

She was born in the midst of a historic storm on July 24, 1920 to Lena (nee

Tingley) and Stanley Peirson in Franklin Forks.

A 1937 graduate of Montrose High School and subsequently the Lowell School of Business in Binghamton NY, Betty worked for the American Red Cross during [World War II](#) in their Binghamton office and later for County National Bank in Montrose. She met Werdon on a blind date and they married on April 9, 1949.

Betty retired from the Susquehanna County Penn State Extension Service after 20 years followed by a number of years as a volunteer at the Susquehanna County Library. As a member of the South Montrose Community Church, she served in the Ladies Aid and a member of the Eastern Star.

She is survived by her husband of nearly 69 years, Werdon J. Allen, West Chester; son, Philip Allen (Wayne Cox) of Palm Springs, Calif., and daughter, Betsy Zakeosian (Gary) of Newtown Square; grandchildren, Brett Zakeosian, Philadelphia and Mallory Zakeosian, Troy NY. Betty is also survived by her brother, John Peirson (Gail), Taylors S.C.; sister-in-law Ruth Andrews, Vestal, NY; and many nieces and nephews.

Betty's two sisters, Eleanor Hindman and Doris Peirson predeceased her.

A memorial service will be announced at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to: South Montrose Community Church, PO Box 86, South Montrose PA 18843; or the [Alzheimer's Association](#) of Delaware Valley, 399 Market Street, Suite 102, Philadelphia PA 19106 or online at: www.alz.org

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Confirmation Sunday: May 20th

Join us at 9:15 a.m. as we celebrate with our youth who are claiming Christ for the first time in their lives on Confirmation Sunday, May 20th. This year we are blessed to have three youth who are being confirmed: Levi Smith, Chloe Smith, and Emma Bisel.

Following our time of worship and celebration with our confirmands, we will go downstairs for a reception. Please take every opportunity to celebrate with our youth. Keep them in prayer as they continue their journey of faith.



Sunday, May 13th: Mother's Day, Graduate Recognition and the Mountain Aire Brass will be with us at worship. Our graduates this year are Jake and Nick Myers and McKala and McKenzie Newhart. We will be recognizing the ladies of our congregation and saying, "Thank You" to them for their love of God and the church and their love of family and friends. Come join us as we worship and give thanks.

Graduations and Mother's Day!!

Jacob David Myers, son of Dan and Cheryl Myers and grandson of Diane and David Myers, graduated from Mansfield University Cum Laude on December 9, 2017. Jake graduated with a Bachelor's Degree in Music with a dual major in Vocal Performance and Music Education. He is currently substitute teaching at Elk Lake and Montrose while looking for a permanent teaching position. He still sings any chance he can get and fingers crossed, we may see him singing professionally someday.

Nicholas Francis Myers, son of Dan and Cheryl Myers and grandson of Diane and David Myers, graduated from Penn State University on May 5th, 2018. Nick graduated with a Bachelor's Degree in Survey Engineering. He is starting his new career in Surveying at JHA Companies in Montrose May 14th.

McKala Newhart, daughter of Mike and Brenda Ognosky and Mike Newhart, granddaughter of Sharon Newhart, will be graduating from Montrose Area School District. Her high school activities included cheerleading, Student Council, tennis and softball. She will be attending Indiana University of Pennsylvania to study Early Education Urban Track.

Mckenzie Newhart, daughter of Mike and Brenda Ognosky and Mike Newhart, granddaughter of Sharon Newhart, will be graduating from Montrose Area School District. Her high school activities included basketball, volleyball, track and field, and Varsity Club. She will be attending Northampton Community College to study Dental Hygiene.



History of Mother's Day

In the United States of America Mother's Day was first suggested in the year 1872 by Julia Ward Howe who wrote the words to the Battle hymn of the Republic as a day dedicated to peace. She would hold an organized Mother's Day meeting in Boston, Massachusetts every year.

It wasn't until in 1907 when Anna Jarvis, from Philadelphia, began a campaign to establish a national Mother's Day. Ms. Jarvis persuaded her mother's church in Grafton, West Virginia to celebrate Mother's Day on the second anniversary of her mother's death, the 2nd Sunday of May. By the next year Mother's Day was also celebrated in Philadelphia.

She and several of her supporters began to write to ministers, businessmen, and politicians in their endeavour to establish a national Mother's Day. In 1910, the governor of West Virginia proclaimed the second Sunday in May as Mother's Day and a year later every state celebrated it. It was successful as by 1911 Mother's Day was celebrated in almost every state. President Woodrow Wilson, in 1914, made the official announcement proclaiming Mother's Day as a national holiday that was to be held each year on the 2nd Sunday of May.

Mother's Garden

My mother loved the flowers,
Each season brought new blooms.
With joy she'd plant and till and weed,
It chased away her glooms.
She knew the names of all she tended,
A master of her trade.
Her hands were strong and knew no wrong,
The best God ever made.

She tried to teach me all she knew,
But little did I care.
For if I needed flowers,
My mother would be there.
My mother loved her garden,
'Til Heaven she did go.
Where growing seasons never end,
And blooms don't fade, but grow.
And I now tend the flowers,
A love that's real and true.
For when I'm in my garden, Mom,
I'm closest there to you.



RUMMAGE & BAKE SALE + SILENT BASKET AUCTION

WHERE: First United Methodist Church
69 Pratt Street
New Milford, PA 18834

WHEN: Friday, May 18th & Saturday, May 19th

TIME: Friday: 9 a.m. till 5 p.m.
Saturday: 9 a.m. till 3 p.m.

Clothing, Collectibles, Antiques, Tools, Jewelry, Crafts, Furniture, etc.

Lots of Treasures for Everyone!!!

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RUMMAGE AND BAKE SALE

There will be a rummage and bake sale held in July, so keep our church in the back of your mind while doing your spring cleaning!

South Montrose Community Church
Rummage & Bake Sale + Hot Dogs and Chili Dogs, Chips, Soda, Water & Dessert
Saturday, July 21st
9 a.m. till 2 p.m.

Stop by and check out all the baked goods and attic treasures.

See You There!

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If you would like to be added to the prayer chain email list, please let Mary Hinds know. These emails are for urgent prayers needed.

As our summer musical, The Endless Mountains Theatre Company will present **Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat** this August. Auditions will be held on Friday, May 18th at 6 p.m. at the East Bridgewater Church on route 167 between Montrose and Brooklyn. This is the small white church about a mile south of the large new Bridgewater Church. A song from the show will be taught and those auditioning must be at least 10 years old. There are roles for men, women, and children. Rehearsals will begin in early June and will be in the Montrose area. Performances will be August 2, 3, 4, and 5 at Elk Lake High School. Any questions should be emailed to emtc@nep.net. Thanks!

Our Easter Hope and Promise

"I know that my Redeemer lives, and He will stand upon the earth at last...I will see Him for myself. Yes, I will see Him with my own eyes. I am overwhelmed at the thought!" Job 19:25-27 (NLT)

If anyone needed a redeemer, it was Job. Job was an upright, righteous man who suffered deep personal affliction. He was stripped of everything. Further, he lost his reputation as a godly man, because the theological orthodoxy of his day viewed prosperity as a sign of God's blessing for righteousness; misfortune was a sign of God's punishment for sin.

In the midst of pain and loss, Job still maintains an abiding conviction. He declares there is a redeemer; God will champion his cause. Even if Job dies before vindication, he proclaims he will see God and they will stand together. In the

midst of his suffering, while in great despair, lacking any tangible evidence of God's presence, Job still asserts: "I know that my Redeemer lives, and He will stand upon the earth at last." (Job 19:25)

God is the one who not only defended Job, but restored him and blessed the later days of his life more than the first. (Job 42:12)

In the words of John Newton, there is no name of Jesus more significant, comprehensive or enduring than the name Redeemer. It was accomplished on the cross at Calvary.

If Job was able to proclaim this truth, how much more ought you and I, since the cross and the resurrection have become a historical reality. On "the day of redemption" (Ephesians 4:30), Jesus will stand up to plead His own sinless sacrifice as the price of our salvation. Everyone who belongs to Him by faith will be cleared of all charges.

G. F. Handel captures in his magnificent Hallelujah Chorus:
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!
For the Lord God Omnipotent reigneth
Hallelujah!
The kingdom of this world
Is become
The kingdom of our Lord
And of His Christ.
And He shall reign forever and ever.

I love Easter Sunday--worshipping together with people of like mind and faith, some of whom I have worshipped with for 30 years, others for the first time. An Easter tradition at Centenary United Methodist Church, where Ken and I attend, is that parishioners who have sung Handel's "Hallelujah Chorus" are invited to the choir loft to join in singing this marvelous anthem, a declaration of the passion and resurrection of Christ. While I consider going, I always remain at the pew and listen. This year, I think I will make my way to the choir.
Dr. Sandra C. Gray
President, Asbury University



Birthday Wishes!!

Gussie Fritz will be celebrating a birthday on May 18th. Please remember her with a card, address is below. (Photo courtesy of GLE)

The Seasons of Life (from livelifehappy.com)

There was a man who had four sons. He wanted his sons to learn to not judge things too quickly. So he sent them each on a quest, in turn, to go and look at a pear tree that was a great distance away.

The first son went in the winter, the second in the spring, the third in summer, and the youngest son in the fall.

When they had all gone and come back, he called them together to describe what they had seen.

The first son said that the tree was ugly, bent, and twisted.

The second son said no – it was covered with green buds and full of promise.

The third son disagreed, he said it was laden with blossoms that smelled so sweet and looked so beautiful, it was the most graceful thing he had ever seen.

The last son disagreed with all of them; he said it was ripe and drooping with fruit, full of life and fulfillment.

The man then explained to his sons that they were all right, because they had each seen but one season in the tree's life.

He told them that you cannot judge a tree, or a person, by only one season, and that the essence of who they are – and the pleasure, joy, and love

that come from that life – can only be measured at the end, when all the seasons are up.

If you give up when it's winter, you will miss the promise of your spring, the beauty of your summer, fulfilment of your fall.

Don't judge a life by one difficult season. Don't let the pain of one season destroy the joy of all the rest.

Building Your House (From lifelifehappy.com)

An elderly carpenter was ready to retire. He told his employer-contractor of his plans to leave the house-building business to live a more leisurely life with his wife and enjoy his extended family. He would miss the paycheck each week, but he wanted to retire. They could get by.

The contractor was sorry to see his good worker go & asked if he could build just one more house as a personal favor. The carpenter said yes, but over time it was easy to see that his heart was not in his work. He resorted to shoddy workmanship and used inferior materials. It was an unfortunate way to end a dedicated career.

When the carpenter finished his work, his employer came to inspect the house. Then he handed the front-door key to the carpenter and said, "This is your house... my gift to you."

The carpenter was shocked!

What a shame! If he had only known he was building his own house, he would have done it all so differently.

So it is with us. We build our lives, a day at a time, often putting less than our best into the building. Then, with a shock, we realize we have to live in the house we have built. If we could do it over, we would do it much differently.

But, you cannot go back. You are the carpenter, and every day you hammer a nail, place a board, or erect a wall. Someone once said, "Life is a do-it-yourself project." Your attitude, and the choices you make today, help build the "house" you will live in tomorrow. Therefore, Build wisely!

Church Chuckles

"10,000 members or not, the Pastor should at least remember my name."

One night I was tucking my 4 year old into bed and I told him his nightly Bible story. This night it was the story of the prodigal son. We discussed how he had taken his inheritance early, left and spent it all on living it up and partying until he had no money left and had to work on a pig farm where he couldn't even afford to eat what the pigs ate! He remembered his father and went back home to ask for a job and forgiveness. His father welcomed him home with much joy! After he finished the story I asked my son what he learned and he immediately said, "Never leave home without your credit card!"
from Mikey's Funnies

Ten Things You Never Hear In Church

1. "Hey! It's my turn to sit in the front pew!"
2. "I was so enthralled, I never even noticed your sermon went 25 minutes overtime."
3. "Personally I find witnessing much more enjoyable than golf."
4. "I've decided to give our church the \$500 a month I've been sending to TV evangelists."
5. "I'll volunteer to be the permanent teacher for the junior high Sunday school class."
6. "Forget the denominational minimum salary. Let's pay our pastor so he can live like we do!"
7. "I love it when we sing hymns I've never heard before."

- 8. "Since we're all here, let's start the service early!"
- 9. "Pastor, we'd like to send you to this Bible seminar in the Bahamas."
- 10. "Nothing inspires me and strengthens my commitment to the Lord like our annual stewardship campaign."
from Mikey's Funnies

Who is your hero, living or dead, and why?

By Janet Small

My Heroes are my parents.

My mother, Hazel Bulford Fielding, lived on the same road in Huntsville (near Wilkes Barre) from birth to death. She attended the Huntsville Methodist Church her whole life. She taught us to "bloom where you are planted." She worked tirelessly with the UM Women to support the church. I was encouraged by her to attend the Annual Conference, then held in Binghamton, when I was a very shy 16 year old. Mom was a charter member of the Women's auxiliary of the Jackson Township Volunteer Fire Company and initiated a Memorial Day ceremony.

Mom read to me as a small child and taught me to read the few books we had before I went to school. Later she would allow me to sit out of sight behind a living room chair reading for hours as she taught my sister to cook and bake. She taught us that in a home everyone has to do their share of the chores so we learned "that many hands make light work." She took us for walks, played ball in the front yard and let us be kids.

My father, John Fielding, dropped out of school at the age of 14 to help support his family. In 1930, when he was 16, they immigrated to America. Within 9 months both his father and oldest brother had died. Dad (16), Fred (18), and Syd (14), then supported their Mother and 2 younger brothers for the next 10 years by raising chickens, working in the coal mines and doing every odd job they could find.

In their free time they sang in the church choir and played cards.

Sometime in the 50's the mines caved in and Dad was out of work. He continued with his odd jobs and eventually built a business as a contractor with 4-5 employees. Dad seldom played with us, but he taught us to save, be thrifty, and work hard.

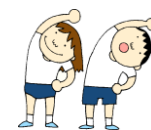
My parents would invite people to live with us while their homes were being built, remodeled, or flooded. I often had to sleep on the couch or at my grandparents. They bought groceries for people out of work or ill. They really lived a Christian life and were great examples of love, responsibility, and generosity for my sister, brother and me.

Don't Forget!!



We are always collecting items for our local food bank, and the Women's Resource Center. They can be left in the boxes in the narthex. Thank you!

Exercise Class



Get fit with Sherry! Join Sherry Weller for some basic exercising and line dancing on Tuesdays and Fridays at 10:00!

There are large print hymnals and Faith we Sing books on the coat rack in the Narthex. There are also activity bags for the youth to keep them occupied if needed.

Who's doing what??

Greeters:

May 6 & 13	Betty Brunges
May 20 & 27	Phyllis and Rob Myers
June 3 & 10	Connie and Farnham Hoppe
June 17 & 24	Elsie Dalrymple and Diane Myers
July 1 & 8	Chris and Charmarie Bisel
July 15 & 22	Chris Smith
July 29	Mike and Joyce DePaola

Altar Flowers:

May	Nancy Jerauld
June	Cathy McCain
July	Brenda Linaberry

Acolyte:

May 6	Kohen Kraynak
May 13	Elizabeth Stone
May 20	Chloe Smith
May 27	Matthew Hinds
June 3	Kohen Kraynak
June 10	Elizabeth Stone
June 17	Chloe Smith
June 23	Matthew Hinds
July 1	Kohen Kraynak
July 8	Elizabeth Stone
July 15	Chloe Smith
July 22	Matthew Hinds
July 29	Kohen Kraynak

Please keep the following people in your prayers.

In the church: Our confirmands, Family of Betty Allen, Charmarie Bisel, Kermit Ayres, Jean Weaver, Grace Harvey, Harry and Harriet Snell, Aggie Holbert, Nic Remington, Theresa Owen, Ben Owen, Craig Estelle, Marian Nye, Alice Porter, Gladys Barber, Peggy Wood, Wink Frystak, Gussie Fritz, Mike Hinds, Matthew Hinds

In our community: Proms, High School and College graduations, Zac, Gary and Barbara Dayton, John Henry, Paul, Paul Jr., Merrill Ruth, Janet Small, Debbie Smales, Justin, Michelle, Joan, Rachel, Amber, Mike Hornak, Nancy, Jack, Elijah Sabo, Jim Phillips, Justin Guyrs, National Relations, Ruth, Will and Sarah, Mary Alice Hawley, Misty Hitchcock, Dennis Carey, Jeanette Smith, Vanesia West, Betty Pykus, Raymond Arnold, Pat Amiondolia, Tony Susi, John Capoccia, Shelly Shepherd, Josh Roe, Bill Lawyer, John Breen, Courtney Sterling, Raebelle Albeck, Bill Robinson, Monica Anderson, Audrey Cady, Kyle and Ashley, Ashley Kilmer, Gary Baker, Bill Copley, Margie Green, Clara, Betty Allen, Tammy, Jim Taylor, Bernie Boyer, Carol Jones, Jim and June Ochse, Ann Smith, Jane Perry, Joyce Millard, James Walters, Dottie Henry, Catalina, Sandra Lathrop, those struggling with addictions, our teenagers in Susquehanna County, Lorraine Ward, Pat Pratt, Helen Crotta, Lisa Steele, Dee Pierson, Duane Snell, Dennis Snell, Helen Peterson, Jonathon and Daniel Snell, our teenagers, 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.



Friends who would love a friendly card:

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