

South Montrose Community Church June 2018 Newsletter

Pastor's Perspective



Dear Family and Friends: Here it is June already! The months are going by so quickly. Memorial Day has passed and we are now officially in the summer season. I look forward to the warmth of summer days and the comfortable summer evenings in my lawn chair. On June 17th this month we celebrate a very important day—Father’s Day. Have you ever wondered how we came to celebrate it here in America? Well, let me share some of the background with you. The celebration of Father’s Day began when Sonora Dodd wanted to honor her father, William Smart. Her mother died giving birth to her sixth child, and Mr. Smart was left to raise six children alone. They lived on a rural farm in Washington State, so life wasn’t easy. After Sonora became an adult, she realized how much it took for her father to raise her family alone and wanted a day to honor him as a courageous and loving father. She spoke to her pastor, and they dedicated Sunday, June 19th as Father’s Day. Sonora wore a red rose to honor her dad during his life and a white rose to honor her dad after his death. In 1924 President Calvin Coolidge made the third Sunday in June a day to honor fathers, and in 1966 President Lyndon Johnson signed a Presidential proclamation to that effect. Father’s Day is when we stop and look at our dads and thank God for them. In Psalm 103, the author says that God is “like a father to his children” and then describes the behavior of a father as “tender and compassionate.” I realize

that not all of our fathers are tender and compassionate, in reality some fathers are harsh, absent, abusive, or lacking in understanding. For those folks who have had troubled childhoods, hopefully there is another person that has acted as a father figure to you that has brought joy, acceptance and understanding in your life. As we think about celebrating on June 17th, let us honor the men in our lives that have been true fathers, men filled with compassion and tenderness and faithfulness.

On Father’s Day this year, we also say, “thank you” to our Senior Choir and Saving Graces members. They bless us with special music all year through as well as our Christmas Cantata. Please thank our groups who take the time to practice and share their gifts and talents with us on a regular basis: Senior Choir: Charmarie Bisel, Director. Jean Starzec, Pianist. Choir Members: Mary Hinds, John Vandermark, Julie Ochse, Mary Jane Long, Sue Pratt, Kelly Pratt, Paula Remington, Brenda Frystak, Harriet Snell, Dawn Arnold. Saving Graces: Charmarie Bisel, Director. Martha Denkenberger, Pianist. Members: Brenda Frystak, Mary Hinds, Paula Remington, Dawn Arnold, Margie McCarty, Jean Starzec.

Remember to get out your lawn chair, listen to the birds sing, enjoy planting your gardens, and behold the beautiful summer evenings on your porch or in your lawn this month. Have a blessed June.

Pastor Jane

Bishops and the Upper Room Launch Phase 3 of Praying Our Way Forward...

The Council of Bishops in partnership with the Upper Room is launching Phase 3 of Praying Our Way Forward. Phase 1 involved 84 members of the Council of Bishops praying for The United Methodist Church's way forward for

15 minutes daily, from August to December 2016. This was followed by Phase 2, which resulted in 18 continuous months of daily individual and corporate prayer by faithful members of annual conferences around the globe.

Now we are ready to launch Phase 3, which begins June 3 and continues through the Special Session of General Conference in February, 2019. In this phase, we are encouraging every United Methodist to fast weekly and to pray daily with the Council of Bishops.

Let us not only fast weekly and pray daily with the Council of Bishops but also for one another in the South Montrose Community Church, our community, our county, our state, and our country.

Thanks,

Pastor Jane

MANY THANKS! I know I have said this before, but these are two words that can't be repeated often enough. They do not begin to express our appreciation for all who have supported us through Harry's illness, heart attack, and slow recovery. First I would like to thank the Forest Lake First Responders for their quick answer. Also the Montrose Minute Men. They were able to stabilize him and get him to EMHS Emergency. There Dr. Dana further stabilized him and sent him to Regional. There, 5 stents were put in and he was in recovery by the time we arrived. Also for my friends and family who surrounded me.

I never would have made it through this past bitter, snowy winter without all your support. No matter what your part or how small, they all

helped (cards, prayers, words of comfort, rides, and our private "home delivered meals").

I know God put all these people in all the right places and right time to help us.

Again in the past months you have helped us through another very difficult time with the illness and sudden death of my sister, Leta Smith. Now on behalf of our family and Leta's, I say those words again. THANK YOU! And God Bless.

Keep the prayers and cards going as we pray for further recovery and healing for Leta's family.

Gratefully,
Harriet and Harry Snell



Difference between Memorial Day and Veterans Day

Many people confuse Memorial Day and Veterans Day. Memorial Day is a day for remembering and honoring military personnel who died in the service of their country, particularly those who died in battle or as a result of wounds sustained in battle.

While those who died are also remembered, Veterans Day is the day set aside to thank and honor ALL who served--in wartime or peacetime--and whether they died or survived. Veterans Day is always observed officially on November 11th regardless of the day of the week on which it falls.



Don't Forget!!

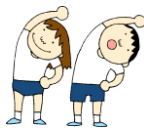
We are always collecting items for our local food bank, and the Women's Resource Center. They can be left in the boxes in the narthex. Thank you!

Women's Resource Center Wish List

- Reusable Grocery Bags
- Gift Cards: Pump and Pantry, Price Chopper, Ray's Suresave
- Full Sized Hair Conditioner
- Feminine Care Products
- Tampons
- Laundry Baskets
- Journals
- Pens
- Stationery
- New Towels

**Please only donate new and full-sized items. Travel or sample sized items are appreciated, but are too small for the families that we serve.

Donations can be put in the back of our sanctuary or you can deliver them to the Susquehanna County Independent Office, 231 Church Street, Montrose.



Exercise Class

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

A Great Summer Recipe from Taste of Home

Overnight Layered Lettuce Salad

Total Time: Prep: about 20 minutes plus chilling overnight
Yields 16 Servings

Ingredients:

- 1 medium head iceberg lettuce, torn apart
- 1 medium green pepper, chopped
- 1 small sweet red pepper, chopped
- 1 medium onion, sliced and separated into rings
- 2 cups frozen peas (about 10 oz.)
- 1 cup mayonnaise or miracle whip
- 2 tablespoons of sugar
- 1 cup shredded cheddar cheese
- 12 bacon strips, cooked and crumbled
- 3/4 cup dried cranberries

Directions:

In a 4 quart or 13 x 9 inch glass dish, layer the first five ingredients. In a small bowl, mix mayonnaise or miracle whip and sugar; spoon over salad, spreading to cover. Sprinkle top with cheese, bacon, and cranberries. Refrigerate, covered, overnight.



GARDENS are more than hooded
flowers,

tempting fruits and living trees.

They are the birds

that sing and fly in them,

the wing-eyed butterflies,

the golden bees. They include the sky

with sun and moon and stars,

the rain and snow;

they are the earth

with captured light from heaven

where plants and people grow.

A garden is a universe

that whispers soft and vernal,

“As it is above, so it is below.”

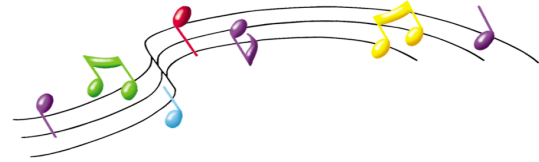
Waking, blooming, sleeping,

waking up again,

gardens are eternal:

they teach us all we need to know.

THELMA PALMER (submitted by Diane Myers)



Sally Ayres was recently reading a devotional that recommended using this hymn as a daily prayer. She thought it would be nice to share with all of us. Thanks Sally!

“O, For a Faith That Will Not Shrink”

O, for a faith that will not shrink,
Though pressed by every foe,
That will not tremble on the brink
Of any earthly woe!

That will not murmur nor complain
Beneath the chastening rod,
But, in the hour of grief or pain,
Will lean upon its God.

A faith that shines more bright and clear
When tempests rage without;
That when in danger knows no fear,
In darkness feels no doubt.

That bears, unmoved, the world’s dread
frown
Nor heeds its scornful smile;
That seas of trouble cannot drown,
Nor Satan’s arts beguile.

A faith that keeps the narrow way
Till life’s last hour is fled,
And with a pure and heavenly ray
Lights up a dying bed.

Lord, give me such a faith as this,
And then, whate’er may come,
I’ll taste, e’en here, the hallowed bliss
Of an eternal home.

The Best Field Trip Ever!

On the weekend of May 18th, Saving Graces took a field trip to Lancaster. Our plan was to see the play "JESUS" at the Sight and Sound Theater and then to shop til we dropped. As much as I like shopping, the real highlight of the trip was the play. The theme of the play was how Jesus rescued us with His love. I really didn't know what to expect other than a portrayal of Jesus's life, death and resurrection. What did happen was that I experienced Jesus in a new and more personal way. I saw Jesus as a real person, a person that not just loves people but enjoys the companionship. I have always felt like I had a personal relationship with Jesus but this helped me feel it more. It is sometimes difficult to picture God in human form but this play did it for me. Jesus laughed with His friends and He cried with and for His people. Jesus's humanity spoke to me. This is what Jesus wants me to be. He not only wants me to care for others but He wants me to be in relationship with them too. A line from one of our hymns has really been speaking to me, "I want to be like Jesus". If you have an opportunity to see this play, please take it. I think you too may be inspired to want to be like Jesus. Charmarie Bisel



Thank you to Bob Remington, Kelly Pratt, Tom Weller, Mike, Mary and Matthew Hinds, Brenda Frystak, Maryjane Long, and Janet Small for doing the litter pick up on Route 29. Many hands made light work.

Thank you to Jean Starzec and Mary Hinds for hosting a sing along at the Montrose Square Apartments on May 21st. The ladies and gentlemen enjoyed all the hymns, and golden oldies, that Jean put together in a nice booklet. We also celebrated Ann Very's 98th birthday! We had a nice birthday cake, and Bev and Lacey made some yummy bars. We always enjoy visiting the residents, and they definitely enjoy our visits.

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:

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 Family
July 29	Mike and Joyce DePaola
August 5 & 12	Susan and Kelly Pratt
August 19 & 26	Martha and Charlie Denkenberger

Altar Flowers:

June	Cathy McCain
July	Brenda Linaberry
August	Martha Denkenberger

Acolyte:

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
August 5	Elizabeth Stone
August 12	Chloe Smith
August 19	Matthew Hinds
August 26	Kohen Kraynak

Please keep the following people in your prayers.

In the church: Mike Kerr, 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, Matthew Hinds, Cambria

In our community: Lorna Jones, Jim Snell, Chuck Peters, People of Hawaii, High School and College graduations, Gary and Barbara Dayton, John Henry, Merrill Ruth, Debbie Smales, Mike Hornak, Elijah Sabo, Jim Phillips, Justin Guyrs, Karen Cox, 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, Raebelle Albeck, Bill Robinson, Monica Anderson, Audrey Cady, Gary Baker, Bill Copley, Margie Green, 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, 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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