

South Montrose  
Community Church  
September 2018 Newsletter

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Pastor's  
Perspective



Labor Day is observed the first Monday in September. This is a day of rest and relaxation honoring all who work. The day originated in 1882 in New York City with a parade organized by a machinist and a carpenter. The Hebrew word for work, Avodah, also means service and it means worship. Work is worship. It is an instrument of redemption, a method of salvation, a means of healing.

---Rabbi Jacob K. Shankman

Invest your time, talents, and treasures in God's service.

---Matthew 25:14-29

O God, you have bound us together in this life. Give us grace to understand how our lives depend on the courage, the industry, the honesty, and the integrity of all who labor. May we be mindful of these deeds, grateful for their faithfulness, and faithful in our responsibilities to them; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

---Reinhold Niebuhr

For many of us, Labor Day signifies the end of summer. On Labor Day, we also honor the many hard-working men and women who have fought over the years to improve our wages, our benefits and our working conditions. On the first Monday of September I give thanks for all those who organized workers, marched, went on strike and even gave their lives in the struggles that resulted in the forty hour work week, safer

working conditions, secure retirement benefits and the right to have a voice on the job.

This past month I have talked with several folks who are concerned about the future of their jobs and dwindling wages as living expenses are on the rise. As people of God, we lift up these burdens on peoples' hearts to the Lord trusting that God hears our prayers. Knowing that Jesus is with us always gives us hope and confidence for the future. As we contemplate the economy of our country, we can be assured that we are sustained by our faith. As the body of Christ, we care for one another. The church is at its best when its people are in service to one another. Great strides have been made in our country in securing justice for all, but there are still many challenges ahead. As God's faithful people we press on in prayer, worship, trust, mission and love for our neighbors near and far.

May God grant us rest and peace of mind this Labor Day.

Pastor Jane

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**The Twenty Third Psalm  
(A Japanese Version)**

The Lord is my Pace-setter  
I shall not rush  
He makes me to stop  
For quiet intervals  
He provides me with images of stillness,  
Which restores my serenity.  
He leads me  
In the ways of efficiency  
Through calmness of mind  
And his guidance is peace.  
Even though I have  
A great many things  
To accomplish each day, I will not fret,  
For his presence is there.  
His timelessness,

His all-importance,  
Will keep me in balance.  
He prepares refreshment  
And renewal in the midst  
Of my activity.  
By anointing my mind with  
His oil of tranquility, my  
Cup of joyous energy  
Overflows.  
Surely harmony and  
Effectiveness shall be the  
Fruit of my hours,  
And I shall walk  
In the pace of the Lord, and dwell in his house  
Forever.

Toki Miyashiro

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### **Gracious Living Worship and Communion...**

Here are the dates that we as a church will be at Gracious Living at 3 p.m. to bring worship, fellowship and communion to the residents. Anyone from our church is welcome to come and be a part of this time of worship. We have several members from our church that live at Gracious. They truly love to have visitors. We meet in the dining room downstairs. So park in the lower parking lot. The aids can always use help getting the residents downstairs for the service. Someone reminding the residents that it is time to worship is a big help.

- Sunday, September 16th at 3 p.m.
- Sunday, October 14th at 3 p.m. (Note this is the Second Sunday this month)
- Sunday, November 18th at 3 p.m.
- Sunday, December 16th at 3 p.m.
- Sunday, January 20th at 3 p.m.
- Sunday, February 17th at 3 p.m.
- Sunday, March 17th at 3 p.m.
- Sunday, April 14th at 3 p.m. (Note this is the Second Sunday this month)
- Sunday, May 19th at 3 p.m.

Thanks everyone. Hope to see some new people coming to worship at Gracious Living with our residents.

Pastor Jane

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### **Soup Night...**

Over the past 7 years, Soup Night at South Montrose Community Church has truly been a blessing to many people. It has meant good food, fellowship, and friendship. It has meant a much needed meal for those who are in need. Soup Night has been there for people passing through the area who need supper. It has been a place where we have gotten to know our neighbors. I would hate for this outreach ministry in our community to go by the wayside. It means so much to so many people.

Our Future Soup Nights do not have to look like the past 7 years. It doesn't have to be soup, salad, bread, and dessert. It can be whatever you feel comfortable doing for a meal. It doesn't always have to be the same meal every month. There are many people who have come up to me and said that they would help, but we need to have someone in charge of it. We need a "chief cook and bottle washer."

Future Soup Nights do not have to be on Monday evenings. Maybe you are reading this and you can head something up like this on a Tuesday, Thursday or Friday evening. The most important things are not the menu and what night it is, the most important thing is that this ministry is continued.

If you are reading this and God is laying this ministry on your heart, come visit with me and let's talk about your vision for this ministry. There will be people from our congregation who will join you in this effort. You will not be doing this ministry alone. Hope to hear from you soon.

Pastor Jane



Mike and Joyce DePaola with Pastor Jane Pykus and Sharon Newhart (behind Joyce). Mike and Joyce have officially joined our church family, which is very fitting because they met at Soup Night and were married at SMCC last year.

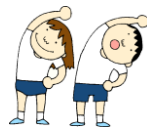
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**Women's Resource Center Wish List**

The Women's Resource Center is in need of the following items:

Reusable Grocery Bags, Gift Cards to Pump and Pantry, Price Chopper, and Ray's ShurSave. They are in need of 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 we serve. Please put your donations in the basket/box in the back of our congregation. Thank you!

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**Exercise Class**

Sherry is taking a break from her exercise classes this summer. Take some time to get outside, take a walk, do some gardening, and enjoy God's creation!

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Thank you to Kelly Pratt for trimming the bushes around the church and mowing the grass. It's always nice when our church looks well loved and cared for!

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Thank you so much for recognizing us this year as 2018 graduates of Montrose High School. We are off to college in the next chapter of our lives and appreciate your prayers and thoughts for a successful, healthy and happy year!

Thanks again-

Mckala and Mckenzie Newhart

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**Music Ministry**

Music Director Charmarie Bisel has announced that Choir and Saving Graces practices will begin on Sunday, September 9. Saving Graces will meet at 6, choir at 7. If you enjoy singing, and would like to have a great time every Sunday, come join us for choir at 7:00! You do not need to know how to read music or be an awesome singer, we make a "Joyful Noise"! We would love to see some new faces join us. See you then!!



**In Memoriam....**

Margaret L. "Pegge" Wood, 93, of Montrose, PA, passed away at Meadow View Senior Living Center, Montrose, PA, on Tuesday, August 14, 2018. She was born on April 9, 1925, in Elmira, NY, to the late Clarence L. and Anna M. (Campbell) Moore. Her husband of 61 years, Warren G. Wood, predeceased her in 2008.

Surviving are her four children and their spouses: Mary Jeannette and Earl S. Kelly Jr., John W. and Janice Wood, Daniel C.L. and Kori Wood, and Margaret E. Kelly. Her grandchildren and their significant others are: Morgan Kelly and Jonathan Winans, Patrick and Jaelyn Kelly, Leah Young, Tyler and Tanya Kelly, Victoria and John McNamara; Chad and Thomas Bush, and Shane Bush-Wood; Grace and Claire Wood; Jacqueline and Garrett Cox, Christopher Kelly, and Sara and Timothy Barber; 20 great-grandchildren, Tyler Bennett, Darius Kelly, Amari, Kai, Malia, and Gianna Young, Rileigh, Julianna, Makenna, and Savannah Kelly, Josephine, Genevieve, Lucy and Lily McNamara, Sophie, Vincent, and Lincoln Cox, Hailey, Cameron, and Michael Barber, and numerous nieces and nephews. Pegge was also predeceased by her brother, John Moore and sister, Julia Kremer.

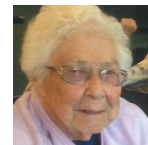
Pegge was a former Girl Scout and Brownie leader. She was a founding member and organist for the East Bridgewater Community Church; she also attended and played organ at the South Montrose Community Church. She was a former member of the Red Hat Society and the Ladies Auxiliary of the VFW. Pegge was a long time Red Cross blood donor. She worked as an executive secretary for WSKG.

After her retirement she volunteered there and at numerous other charitable organizations.

A Funeral Service will be held at 11 a.m. Monday, August 20, 2018, at the East Bridgewater Community Church with Pastor Barney Wilkins officiating. The family will receive friends at the church from 9:30 until the time of the service. Interment will be in the East Bridgewater Cemetery. Additional parking for the service will be in the Bridgewater Church parking lot. A shuttle to East Bridgewater Church will be provided.

Donations in Pegge's name can be made to the Alzheimer's Association, Greater Pennsylvania Chapter, P.O. Box 96011, Washington, D.C. 20091-6011, or go to [www.alz.org/pa](http://www.alz.org/pa)

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**In Memoriam....**

Alice R. Porter, 92, of South Montrose, PA, passed away peacefully on Tuesday, August 28, 2018 at Gracious Living Estates. She was born on September 4, 1925 in Dimock, PA, to the late Harry W. and Jessie M. (Eckert) Roemhild. Her husband of 58 years, Henry Hale Porter, predeceased her in 2009.

Surviving are her two daughters and son-in-law, Mary Lynne and Howard Ellinger, Tylersport, PA, Margie Porter Dawes, Crocker, MO, 6 grandchildren and spouses, Howard (Jess) Ellinger, III, Corey (Carley) Ellinger, Michael Dawes, Evan Dawes, Michaela (Kody) Widel and Dylan Dawes, 16 great grandchildren, nieces, nephew and cousins. She was predeceased by her brother, George Roemhild and two half-brothers, Franklin and Robert Christian.

Alice was a member of the South Montrose Community Church and a past member of the Eastern Star. She was also a former Sunday school teacher. She was a dedicated wife, mother and grandmother. Best person anyone could ever meet.

A Memorial Service will be held at 1:30 p.m. Sunday, September 2, 2018 at the South Montrose Community Church in South Montrose, PA with Pastor Jane Pykus officiating. Interment will be at the South Montrose Cemetery, South Montrose, PA.

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### **Family Picnic**

On August 12<sup>th</sup>, Janet Small hosted a family picnic at her home in Forest Lake, so that people who have been part of our church or a while, could get to know the people who have recently started coming to SMCC. About 15 people enjoyed food, fun, swimming, fishing, and lots of conversation. It ended up being a lovely day, and we thank Janet for her hospitality.

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### **Bible Study**

Beginning Wednesday, September 5<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 AM in our Social Hall, we will begin our study, "Unafraid: Living with Courage and Hope in Uncertain Times" by Adam Hamilton

It is a five week study including the following topics"

9/5: Understanding and Countering Fear

9/19: Crime, Race, Terrorism, and Politics

9/26: Failure, Disappointing Others, Insignificance, and Loneliness

10/3: Apocalypse, Change, Missing Out, and Finances

10/10: Aging, Illness, Dying, and Fear of the Lord

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### **Shaped by Grace – from Grace Happens Here by Max Lucado**

On a November evening in 2004, Victoria Ruvolo, a 44 year old New Yorker, was driving to her home on Long Island. She'd just attended her niece's recital and was ready for the couch, a warm fire, and relaxation.

She doesn't remember seeing the silver Nissan approach from the east. She remembers nothing of the 18 year old boy leaning out the window, holding, of all things, a frozen turkey. He threw it at her windshield.

The twenty pound bird crashed through the glass, bent the steering wheel inward, and shattered her face like a dinner plate on concrete. The violent prank left her grappling for life in the ICU. She survived but only after doctors wired her jaw, affixed one eye by synthetic film, and bolted titanium plates to her cranium. She can't look in the mirror without a reminder of her hurt.

Nine months after her disastrous November night, she stood face to titanium-bolted face with her offender in court. Ryan Cushing was no longer the cocky, turkey-tossing kid in the Nissan. He was trembling, tearful, and apologetic. For New York City, he had come to symbolize a generation of kids out of control. People packed the room to see him get his comeuppance. The judge's sentence enraged them—only 6 months behind bars, 5 years' probation, some counseling and public service.



The courtroom erupted. Everyone objected. Everyone, that is, except Victoria Ruvolo. The reduced sentence was her idea. The boy walked over, and she embraced him. In full view of the judge and the crowd, she held him tight, stroked his hair. He sobbed, and she spoke: "I forgive you. I want your life to be the best it can be."

She allowed grace to shape her response. "God gave me a second chance at life, and I passed it on," she says of her generosity. If I hadn't let go of that anger, I'd be consumed by this need for revenge. Forgiving him helps me move on."

Her mishap led to her mission: volunteering with the county probation department. "I'm trying to help others, but I know for the rest of my life I'll be known as 'The Turkey Lady'. Could have been worse. He could have thrown a ham. I'd be Miss Piggy!"

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With school starting, I thought this was timely....

### **No Excuses—from Lighten up and Live Devotional by Ken Davis**

Here are some notes written by parents requesting that their children be excused from school. The misspelled words made the teacher's day.

"My son is under a doctor's care and should not take physical education today. Please execute him."

A little girl's note read, "Please excuse Lisa for being absent. She was sick and I had her shot."

I love this one. "Megan could not come to school today because she has been bothered by very close veins."

How about this plea? "Please excuse Jennifer for missing school yesterday. We forgot to get the Sunday paper off the

porch, and when we found it Monday, we thought it was Sunday."

When God called Moses to go to Pharaoh and demand that he set the Hebrew people free, Moses responded, "Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?" God's answer: "I will be with you."

This wasn't good enough for Moses. He tried every excuse in the book to avoid God's call:

--I don't have enough Influence.

--I don't know what to say.

--What if they don't believe me?

--I'm not a good speaker.

Finally Moses asked God to send somebody else. But God never calls anyone to a task without perfectly equipping that person for the task. In spite of his protests, Moses became one of the greatest prophets ever.

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### **Friends who would love a friendly card:**

#### **Craig Estelle**

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#### **Gussie Fritz**

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#### **Aggie Holbert**

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#### **Harry Snell**

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#### **Jean Weaver**

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## Who's doing what??



### Greeters:

Sept. 2 & 9	Janet Small and MaryJane Long
Sept. 16 & 23	Shelby and Ray Riker
Sept. 30	Dawn Arnold
Oct. 7 & 14	Linda and Ken Matthews
Oct. 21 & 28	Beverly Way
Nov. 4 & 11	Gary and Nancy Jerauld
Nov. 18 & 25	John and Sue Vandermark



### Altar Flowers:

September	Mary Torney
October	Peggy Jerauld and Diane Myers
November	Beverly Way



### Acolyte:

September 2	Elizabeth Stone
September 9	Emma Bisel
September 16	Matthew Hinds
September 23	Kohen Kraynak
September 30	Elizabeth Stone
October 7	Emma Bisel
October 14	Matthew Hinds
October 21	Kohen Kraynak
October 28	Elizabeth Stone
November 4	Emma Bisel
November 11	Matthew Hinds
November 18	Kohen Kraynak
November 25	Elizabeth Stone



### Children's Sermons:

September 2	Charmarie Bisel
September 9	Paula Remington
September 16	Quentin Kraynak
September 23	Susan Pratt
September 30	Janet Small
October 7	Susan Pratt
October 14	Paula Remington
October 21	Quentin Kraynak
October 28	Mike Hinds
November 4	Janet Small
November 11	Mary Hinds
November 18	
November 25	Mike Hinds
December 2	Charmarie Bisel
December 9	Janet Small
December 16	Mary Hinds
December 23	
December 24	Charmarie Bisel— Christmas Eve at 6:30 PM
December 30	

**There are some empty dates for Children's Sermons. Wouldn't it be wonderful if the kids saw some different faces leading them?? Contact Pastor Jane if you are interested.**

**Please keep the following people in your prayers:**

**In the Church:** Mickey Fox, Quentin Kraynak, Mike Kerr, Kermit Ayres, Jean Weaver, Grace Harvey, Harry & Harriet Snell, Aggie Holbert, Nic Remington, Theresa Owen, Ben Owen, Craig Estelle, Marian Nye, The Family of Alice Porter, Gladys Barber, Wink Frystak, Gussie Fritz, Matt Hinds, Cambria

**In Our Community:** Family of Richard Glover, Emergency Service Personnel, Flood Victims, Fires in CA, Family of Bill Robinson, Family of Peggy Wood, Damon Johnson, Holden Lungert, Paul, Josh, David Daniels, Darlene Pacihlock, Dot Owen, Marsha Pasmore, Bridget Cooke, Nancy Taylor Blaisure, Haverly Family, Dawn Arnold, Lorna Jones, Jim Snell, Chuck Peters, 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, Jose 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 & June Ochse, Ann Smith, Jane Perry, Joyce Millard, James Walters, Dottie Henry, Catalina, Sandra Lathrop, Helen Crotta, Lisa Steele, Dee Pierson, Duane Snell, Dennis Snell, Helen Peterson, Jonathan & Daniel Snell, Those struggling with addictions, Our Teenagers, Teachers and Students, Military personnel, those unemployed, those in nursing homes, people in prison, our country, our world, our church and each other.

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