

South Montrose Community Church June 2019 Newsletter

Pastor's Message



“Come, Holy Spirit, come; enter our lives. Free us from all fear. Give us strength to carry on. Give us hope and joy sufficient for each day. Come, Holy Spirit, come; give us power to be the church. Impart your many gifts to our members, that we may be the body of Christ’s presence in the world. Free us from all fear, and renew our life together. Come, Holy Spirit, come. Bind us close together, not only with the sheep of this fold, but all of Christ’s people around this city and world. Forgive the pride, prejudice, and self-righteousness which separate us from one another. Come, Holy Spirit, come: That all may be one in Christ, source of all true unity, who is with us today and always, even to the end of time. Amen.” (Ruth C. Duck)

Pentecost is an exciting season as we celebrate that Christianity was spread throughout the Mediterranean world because nearly 3,000 people went home from Jerusalem to share their spirited faith. This year it begins on Sunday, June 9th.

The word ‘Pentecost’ comes from the Greek; it simply means ‘fiftieth’. Pentecost is probably the most ancient religious festival celebrated today. In the ancient Jewish calendar Pentecost, also known as the ‘Feast of Weeks’, and was dedicated to gratitude to God for the gift to Noah of the covenant. Thanksgiving was expressed for the physical universe, seedtime and harvest. Later Pentecost became associated with the giving of the Law of Moses at Mount Sinai. While most Jewish festivals were just for their own community, this festival included the stranger, those of other faiths who happened to be in the home or community at the time.

This is not the first time the Spirit was active in people’s lives. Since the beginning of time, the Spirit has always been active in those who listened and were willing to be guided throughout their lives. Remember how the Spirit worked in John the Baptist’s life and message and upon Jesus at his baptism which began Jesus’ public ministry. And Oh how the Spirit moved as Jesus taught and healed. Pentecost, though, was the first day that the Spirit took hold of the followers of Christ as a group and came to stay. They were no longer a small circle of Jesus’ followers, they now had become the church which would grow into billions across the world.

Come and worship with us on Sunday, June 9th and celebrate the Spirit in your life and in the life of our church. The colors of Pentecost are red, flame orange, yellow and white. Come to worship wearing these colors on the 9th. Even though Jesus has ascended, God is still with us. We are not on our own. God gives us power that enables us to do God’s work on earth. God inspires us, gives us gifts and works through us. With these very special gifts, God expects us to do something in his name. We are powerful and God has work for us to do.

May the “Spirit of the Living God” fall afresh on all of us this Pentecost season.

Pastor Jane

Father's Day, Sunday, June 16th

Come, join us for worship downstairs in our social hall at 9:15 a.m. We will have breakfast and praise God together! See you there!

Where in the world did Father's Day come from?

Have you ever wondered how we came to celebrate Father's Day 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 and has brought joy, acceptance, and understanding in your life. As we think about celebrating on June 16th, let us honor the men in our lives that have been true dads to us, men filled with compassion, tenderness, and faithfulness.

Music Appreciation Sunday

On Sunday, June 16th, we will 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 make the time to practice and share their gifts and talents with us on a regular basis.

Senior Choir: Charmarie Bisel, Director. Jean Starzec, Pianist/Organist. Choir

Members: Mary Hinds, John Vandermark, Julie Ochse, Mary Jane Long, Susan Pratt, Kelly Pratt, Paula Remington, Brenda Frystak, Harriet Snell, Dawn Shaffer, Vicki Mase, and Dawn Arnold.

Saving Graces: Charmarie Bisel, Director. Martha Denkenberger, Pianist. Members: Brenda Frystak, Mary Hinds, Paula Remington, Jean Starzec, Dawn Arnold, Margie McCarty.

May crafts.....

This month we made pretty flower containers. The ladies painted the small wooden pails, and then added the flowers of their choice. They all turned out great! Thank you to Sue Vandermark, MaryJane Long, Sue Pratt and Ryan Groover for helping out!





Let us give thanks to our High School Graduates...

Adam Anderson, Elk Lake
Kayleen Kraynak: Elk Lake
Clay Frystak: Montrose

Please keep them in your thoughts and prayers this month and throughout the summer and fall months.



Kayleen will be working this summer at Kool Cow and Price chopper. In the fall she will be returning to the Susquehanna county career and Technology center to finish her cosmetology hours which should be completed early 2020. After finishing at the SCCTC she is looking into continuing her education at the makeup designery school in Los Angeles. It is a 10 month program. She will be learning a variety of makeup skills ranging from looks for special occasions to movie star makeover to special effects makeup. The beauty industry is growing all the time. It is what she has been interested in for many years.



Clay will be graduating from Montrose High School on June 8. He will be working with Jesse, Jim, and Tanner, continuing to run Frystak Landscaping, as well as mowing lawns.

Adam will be joining the workforce directly from graduation. He is undecided if he'll be taking a trade course in the fall. I suppose it will depend on the job he finds through the summer.

Sharon Newhart read the following to the graduates:

My Child

- 1) Don't forget what I teach you. Always remember what I tell you to do.
 - 2) My teaching will give you a long and prosperous life.
 - 3) Never let go of loyalty and faithfulness. Tie them around your neck; write them on your heart.
 - 4) If you do this, both God and man will be pleased with you.
 - 5) Trust in the LORD with all your heart. Never rely on what you think you know.
 - 6) Remember the LORD in everything you do, and He will show you the right way.
 - 7) Never let yourself think that you are wiser than you are; simply obey the LORD and refuse to do wrong.
- Proverbs 3:1-7



Jim and Diane Linaberry will be celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary on June 6!! We wish you many more!!

Golden Rules for Living...

- If you open it--close it.
- If you turn it on--turn it off.
- If you unlock it--lock it.
- If you move it--put it back.
- If it belongs to someone else--get permission to use it.
- If you borrow it--return it.
- If you don't know how to operate it--leave it alone.
- If you use it--take care of it.
- If you break it--admit it.
- If you can't fix it--call someone who can.
- If you mess it up--clean it up.
- If it's none of your business, don't ask questions.

Author

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Living by a set of rules isn't anything new. Even Jesus knew the importance of rules.

One day Jesus was talking with his disciples. He knew that the day was coming when he would return to heaven, and he was trying to prepare his disciples for the day when he would no longer be with them. Jesus wanted them to live in such a way that other people would see them and know that they were his disciples.

"A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another."

John 13:34-35

My hope is that people will look at the way that I live and know that I am a follower of Jesus Christ. My hope is the same for you.

Thanks to Jesus' love for all of us, we are blessed with life forever!

Pastor Jane

My apologies for this being late:

**Happy St. Patrick's Day
Happy Easter 2019**

Just a note to say hello,
Before I start my day;
Couldn't help but drop a line,
To my friends here and away.
As I sip my fresh brewed coffee,
Thoughts of you have crossed my mind;
I'm sending morning greetings,
And hope your day is fine.

Today is filled with sunshine,
Like the friendship we two share;
My day will be just dandy,
I'll pretend that I'm there.

I have to go for now my friend,
Have lots to do today;
Just wanted to say good morning,
And have a great day!
--- Stephanie

Why God Made Families
-A special poem by Emily Matthews

When creation was finished,
Each star in its place,
God cradled the earth
In His thoughtful embrace,
And knowing that there would be
Problems to face,
His wonderful plan came to be...
For He wanted His children
To learn to be strong,
And not become frightened
If thing should go wrong,
So He placed in each heart
A desire to belong.
Somewhere they felt needed, yet free....
Then he added acceptance
And patience and trust,
Love that was selfless
And caring and just,
Where questions were welcome
And laughter a must....
And He called His great gift "family".
---Emily Matthews

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!



Exercise Class

Exercise Class has started up again! Meet Sherry Weller at the church (downstairs) on **Tuesdays and Fridays from 9:00 to 10:00** for some fun and fitness!

AARP Driver Training Course Offered

The AARP driver training course is an eight hour refresher for students 50 years or older. When you complete this course, and receive a certificate, you may get a 5% - 10% discount on your automotive insurance for three years.

This course includes classroom training with lectures and discussions. A half hour "bring your own lunch" break has been built into the schedule.

There are two separate sessions offered. A two day course is held for those who have never taken the course or have not taken the course within the past three years.

The first session will be held Friday and Saturday, June 28-29 from 9:30 a.m. till 2 p.m.

The second session will be held Friday and Saturday, August 16-17 from 9:30 a.m. till 2 p.m.

Both sessions will be held at First UMC, 69 Pratt Street, New Milford.

The fee is \$15 for AARP members; and \$20 for non AARP members. Please pay the instructor at the class.

For more information and to register for the courses, please contact Jeff Burkett at 570-879-4915 as soon as possible to save yourself a spot in one of these sessions.

United Methodist Community Church
of Great Bend
And
First United Methodist Church of New Milford

Invite you:

**To Mars and Beyond
Vacation Bible School**

**When: Sunday, June 23 - Thursday, June 27,
2019**

Time: 6 p.m. till 8:15 p.m.

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

Ages: Pre-K through 5th Grade

For more information call: 570-465-3500 or
570-879-4506

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On both Memorial Day and Veterans Day, it's customary to spend time remembering and honoring the countless veterans who have served the United States of America throughout the country's history. However, there is a difference between the two holidays.

***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. In other words, the purpose of Memorial Day is to memorialize the veterans who made the ultimate sacrifice for their country.

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

The Poppy: A symbol of Memorial Day

The wearing of poppies in honor of America's war dead is traditionally done on Memorial Day. The origin of the red poppy as a modern-day symbol of this day was actually the idea of an American woman, Miss Moina Michael. In war-torn battlefields, the red field poppy was one of the first plants to grow. Its seeds scattered in the wind and sat dormant in the ground, only germinating when the ground is disturbed--as it was by the brutal fighting during World War I. The practice of wearing the poppies was further inspired by the poem, "In Flanders Fields," written in 1915 by Canadian soldier Jon McCrae. He saw the poppies in burials around his artillery position in Belgium.

Today, poppies are both the symbol of the loss of life and a symbol of recovery and new life, especially in support of those service men who were hurt physically and emotionally.

In Flanders Fields

Written by John McCrae, May, 1915

In Flanders fields the poppies blow
Between the crosses, row on row,
That mark our place; and in the sky
The larks, still bravely singing, fly
Scarce heard amid the guns below.

We are the Dead. Short days ago
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,
Loved and were loved, and now we lie
In Flanders fields.

Take up our quarrel with the foe:
To you from failing hands we throw
The torch; be yours to hold it high.
If ye break faith with us who die
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow
In Flanders fields.

Friends who would love a friendly card:

Craig Estelle

PO Box 181
South Montrose, PA 18843

Gussie Fritz

Gracious Living Estates
10543 SR 29
Montrose, PA 18801

Grace Harvey

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272 Lamphere Road
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Who's doing what??



Greeters:

June 2
June 9 & 16

June 23 & 30
July 7 & 14
July 21 & 28
Aug 4 & 11
Aug 18 & 25

Glenn and Betty Brunges
Elsie Dalrymple and
Diane Myers
Nick and Vicki Mase
Chris and Charmarie Bisel
John and Dawn Shaffer
Susan and Kelly Pratt
Charlie and Martha
Denkenberger



Altar Flowers:

June
July
August

Cathy McCain
Brenda Frystak
Martha Denkenberger



Acolyte:

June 2
June 9
June 16
June 23
June 30
July 7
July 14
July 21
July 28
Aug 4
Aug 11
Aug 18
Aug 25

Kohen Kraynak
Emma Bisel
Elizabeth Stone
Hailyn Campbell
Matthew Hinds
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Elizabeth Stone
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Matthew Hinds
Kohen Kraynak
Emma Bisel
Elizabeth Stone

Please keep the following people in your prayers:

In the Church: Tommy Kerr, Ruth Vandermark, Guy Vandermark, Wayne Vandermark, Jean Weaver, Grace Harvey, Harry & Harriet Snell, Aggie Holbert, Nic Remington, Ben Owen, Craig Estelle, Marian Nye, Gussie Fritz, Matt Hinds
In Our Community: Hayden Brunges, Barb Snell, Family of Ann Smith, Family of Larry Schott, Mary, Joyce Smales, people of Sri Lanka, the family of Dottie Henry, Peggy Sprout & Family, Leslie, Matt Blaisure, Norma Babcock, Sandy Gardner, John Clough, Amy Robinson, Frog Very, Robert Smith, John Fielding, Raili Hower, Joyce Nyberg, Peter Hower, Dave Rice, Helen Myers, Phil Reimel, Suzanna, Jenny, Bill Wilber, Stephen VanKuren, Kenny Rauch, Nancy Coy, Damon Johnson, Holden Lunger, David Daniels, Darlene Pacihlock, Dot Owen, Jason Bennet, Jim Hogg, Bridget Cooke, Dawn Arnold, Lorna Jones, Jim Snell, Chuck Peters, John Henry, Debbie Smales, Elijah Sabo, Jim Phillips, Justin Guyrs, Karen Cox, Misty Hitchcock, Dennis Carey, Jeanette Smith, Vanesia West, Betty Pykus, Pat Amiondolia, Tony Susi, John Capoccia, Jose Roe, Bill Lawyer, John Breen, Monica Anderson, Audrey Cady, Gary Baker, Bill Copley, Margie Green, Jim Taylor, Bernie Boyer, Carol Jones, Jim & June Ochse, Jane Perry, Joyce Millard, James Walters, Catalina, Sandra Lathrop, Helen Crotta, Lisa Steele, Dee Pierson, Duane Snell, Dennis Snell, Helen Peterson, Jonathan & Daniel Snell, those struggling with addictions, teenagers, teachers and students, military personnel, those unemployed and those under employed, those in nursing homes, people in prison, our country, our world, our church, and each other.

If you know of someone who needs to be added to the prayer list, or if someone is on there that can be taken off, please contact Pastor Jane.

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