

South Montrose
Community Church
September 2019 Newsletter

Pastor's
Message



Dear Family and Friends:

This month I would like to share with you a Labor Day Litany as my message to all of you. I pray that this litany inspires you to be thankful and to remember to do justice and to walk humbly with your Lord this month.

O Jesus, worker and carpenter from Nazareth, on this Labor Day, we thank you for your care and loving concern for workers throughout the world. We remember all workers: men and women, young and old of all races; ethnic and language groups in Asia and the Pacific, Europe, Africa, North Africa, North America, Central America and the Caribbean, South America and the Middle East. Help all working persons to realize a deeper understanding of your presence and call them to do justice and build human community where they are employed.

For workers who face dangerous conditions or hazards in their work without sufficient warning or protection---Jesus, worker and carpenter from Nazareth, hear our prayer. For all who face the conflicts of working and caring for children without adequate support---Jesus, worker and carpenter from Nazareth, hear our prayer.

For all workers who cannot find work and for whom unemployment assistance is not available---Jesus, worker and carpenter from Nazareth, hear our prayer. For workers who are displaced by technical change or global pressures to relocate jobs---Jesus, worker and carpenter from Nazareth, hear our prayer.

For children whose childhood has been cut short because they are forced to work---Jesus, worker and carpenter from Nazareth, hear our prayer. For all who face difficulties or are discriminated against in getting work or at the workplace because of race, gender, ethnic group, physical disabilities, political or religious beliefs---Jesus, worker and carpenter from Nazareth, hear our prayer.

For all workers who have been affected by labor disputes or who have been discriminated against as a result of their union activity or because they sought justice in their place of employment---Jesus, worker and carpenter from Nazareth, hear our prayer. For all workers whose work is taken for granted, is unappreciated or lacks meaning---Jesus, worker and carpenter from Nazareth, hear our prayer. Amen.

September seems to be a "Start Up" month after several weeks of "Summer Fun in the Sun" for most of us. I pray that each of you has some time to relax not only on Labor Day, but at least one day a week to be refreshed and renewed in body, mind and spirit. Remember to keep your faith alive, make some quality time for God in your everyday life.

Blessings,
Pastor Jane

On August 4th, we were faced with two mass shootings within 24 hours, El Paso, Texas and Dayton, Ohio. Our world is not safe. The hatred in people's hearts needs to stop. Let us pray for families who have lost loved ones. Let us also pray for no more needless killings. No mom or dad, no grandparents, no child, or sister or brother should have to face the death of a loved in this fashion. Let us lift up mental health counselors who are desperately trying to prevent tragedies such as these.

Pastor Jane

September 11th Ceremony at Spirit of 9/11 Park

From Debbie Crisman’s Facebook Page:

September 11th Remembrance Service
Our Commemoration Ceremony will begin at 6:00 PM
Wednesday, September 11, 2019
At the Spirit of 9/11 ~ Danny Crisman Memorial Park
Ridge Road, South Montrose

This the eighteenth Anniversary we gather not to mourn, but to honor and remember the victims of the attacks, let us also light the darkness with the memories and glories of those who have died in the Service, and the lives of our Soldiers, Marines, Sailors and Airman lost in the Global War on Terror in Iraq, Afghanistan and other areas of the world, defending our FREEDOM.

Guest Speaker; U.S. Army Colonel (Retired) Mark Volk, 9/11 Pentagon survivor. COL. Volk was sitting only feet away from the plane's point of impact at The Pentagon. Currently Mark is President of Lackawanna College in Scranton.

On that beautiful, crisp, cloudiness morning that seemed to promise nothing but goodness, we all watched. First the North Tower of the World Trade Center was hit by a plane then another plane struck the South Tower of the World Trade Center... the horror deepened. Then, another plane crashed into the Pentagon's western side. The brave passengers of Flight 93 sacrificed themselves to save our Nation's Capital.

We will also hear remarks from Captain (Retired) Charles “Sam” Fddis Former U.S. Army Armor Officer, JAG Officer, retired CIA Operations Officer, offering words of strength and valor.

May we always remember and may we always be united. On this Anniversary, let us agree, it is an honor to be an American and it is an honor to be free. Again as we gather to observe 9/11 we remember each and every year, each and every life so that our present and future generations “Never Forget”. On September 11th , do your part to honor those we lost by reflecting, remembering, reconnecting, reclaiming and rebuilding the day through a legacy of giving back.

Please join us as our community comes together in remembering as we express a personal conviction that each and every life was irreplaceable. We renew our commitment to live lives worthy of their memory.

Thank you, [Debbie Crisman](#)

Remember to bring a chair. Saving Graces will be providing music.

Words to encourage, lift up, and make you smile! Submitted by Pastor Jane Pykus

"Hate no one, no matter how much they've wronged you. Live humbly, no matter how wealthy you become. Think positively, no matter how hard life is. Give much, even if you've been given little. Forgive all, especially yourself. And, never stop praying for the best for everyone."

--Thank You For Existing

"Kindness in words creates confidence. Kindness in thinking creates profoundness. Kindness in giving creates love. Choose to make kindness your way of life."

--Think Positive Power

"You must read to your children and you must hug your children and you must love your children. Your success as a family, our success as a society, depends not on what happens in the White House, but on what happens inside your house."

--Barbara Bush

"Holding a grudge doesn't make you strong; it makes you bitter. Forgiving doesn't make you weak; it sets you free."

--Learn to Forgive

"Modern religion focuses upon filling churches with people. The true gospel emphasizes filling people with God."

--A.W. Tozer

"We will never change the world by going to church. We will only change the world by being the church."

--Grace Presbyterian Church

"I have one life and one chance to make it count for something...My faith demands that I do whatever I can, wherever I am, whenever I can, for as long as I can with whatever I have to try to make a difference."

--Jimmy Carter

"May I never forget on my best day that I still need God as desperately as I did on my worst day."

--Author Unknown

"Don't forget you're human. It's okay to have a meltdown, just don't unpack and live there. Cry it out and then refocus on where you are headed."

--Positive Outlooks.

"God is still writing your story. Quit steeling the pen. Trust the Author."

--Intuitive Drawings

"The most wonderful places to be in the world are: In Someone's thoughts, Someone's prayers, and in Someone's heart."

--The Domestic Curator--Dallas

"Worry is a conversation you have with yourself about things you cannot change. Prayer is a conversation you have with God about things he can change."

--Eric Stanley

"Let your love for God change the world, but never let the world change your love for God."

--Stacy Sanchez

"Grief never ends, but it changes. It's a passage, not a place to stay. Grief is not a sign of weakness nor a lack of faith. It's the price of love."

--Author Unknown.

"Someone threw a bottle of Omega 3 Pills at me! Luckily my injuries were only Super Fish Oil."

--Puns, One-liners, and Dry Humor

"Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer." Romans 12:12

Growing older is mostly a matter of mind: If you don't mind, it doesn't matter.

We all may not be able to do great things; but if each of us will do something, however small, a great deal will be accomplished for God.

"Pay attention to the things that bring a tear to your eye or a lump in your throat because they are signs that the holy is drawing near."

-- Frederick Buechner

"Suicide doesn't take the pain away. It passes it to someone else." Brother's Keeper

"Your job is not to judge. Your job is not to figure out if someone deserves something. Your job is to lift the fallen, to restore the broken, and heal the hurting."
--Grace Presbyterian Church, Crystal City, Missouri

It Doesn't Matter...

It doesn't matter how much you have, but how much you've shared with others.
It doesn't matter what kind of house you have, but whether your love has made it a home.
It doesn't matter how many friends you can count, but how many friends you can count on.
It doesn't matter how well you do in life, but how much good you do.
It doesn't matter how much love you have gathered, but how much you've given away.

Mark Bowers

A Prayer for Bread for the World

"God, our Creator, we give you thanks for every breath of life and for every gift that comes from your abundant grace. May we so trust your grace that we work to see that all who hunger are fed and that all share in your abundance."

Bread for the World is a collective Christian voice urging our nation's decision makers to end hunger at home and abroad. Our work to change the conditions and policies that allow hunger to persist is supported by all major church bodies and sustained by generous contributions from individuals, families and congregations.

Our prayers for the hungry are greatly needed. In the US, one in six children faces the threat of hunger. Worldwide, nearly one in four children endures the lifelong sentence of stunting because of chronic malnutrition.

One of the ways we can help our children in Susquehanna County grow and thrive is by giving to our local emergency food bank. Hunger is all around us. Please consider bringing a non-perishable food item to the church with you next Sunday. There is a box in the back of our sanctuary where you may place your donations.

In the feeding of the 5000, Luke 9:10-17, Jesus invites us to partake of the feast of God's abundance. Let us work together as a church and as a community to enable "all to eat and be filled."

Thanks in advance for your generosity. It is greatly appreciated.

Pastor Jane

Some Food for Thought...

If you have had an education and know how to read, then you are more blessed than over two billion in the world that cannot read anything at all.

If you woke up this morning with more health than illness, you are more blessed than the million who won't survive the week.

If you have food in your refrigerator, clothes on your back, a roof over your head and a place to sleep, you are richer than 75% of this world.

If you have money in the bank, in your wallet, and spare change lying in a dish, you are among the top 80% of the world's wealthy.

If you can attend a church meeting without fear of harassment, arrest, torture, or death, you are more blessed than almost three billion people in the world.

Global Missions, 2000



Soup night returns!!



Soup Night will resume on Monday September 16, 2019.

We will serve from 4:30-6:30 in the social hall.

We will be serving soup, salad, bread, desserts and drinks.

Soups for September are Garden Vegetable Soup and Taco Soup.

Donations of baked goods, paper goods, decaf coffee, salad dressings, to-go containers will be needed.

We appreciate our hard-working volunteers, and hope to see you again this year!

Ed and Jean Starzec

- Help a Stranger
- Praise a Child
- Light a Candle
- Sing for Joy
- Lend a Hand
- Pray for Peace
- Understand

Author Unknown



Lazy Man's Pie--Peach Cobbler

1 stick butter or margarine.

1 cup milk

1 cup sugar

1 cup flour

1 teaspoon baking powder

Dash of salt

1 quart fresh peaches sliced

Melt butter in baking pan. Mix flour, sugar, baking powder, salt and milk. Pour batter in pan on top of the butter; cover with the fresh peaches. Do Not Stir. Batter will rise to top as it bakes and absorbs the flavor of the peaches. Bake at 350 degrees for 1 hour. Serve warm with whip cream or ice cream. Great recipe for any fresh fruit cake.

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A New Bible Study coming in September...

Why I Believe: Straight Answers to Honest Questions About God, the Bible and Christianity. Our Bible Study DVD Leader is Chip Ingram

Scripture calls us to be prepared to give answers to anyone who asks about faith. Are you prepared? Or do you feel ill-equipped? Come and join us so that we can all

be more comfortable talking about what we believe.

This is a 6 week study and includes the following topics

Rethinking Christian Apologetics for the 21st Century--Apologetics means "speaking in defense of Christianity. In other words, learning to defend your faith.

- Why I Believe in the Resurrection
- Why I Believe in the Bible
- Why I Believe in Creation
- Why I Believe in the God of the Bible

Study Guides are \$10.

Bible Study Dates and Time:

- Wednesday, September 4th at 10 a.m.
- Wednesday, September 11th at 10 a.m.
- Wednesday, September 18th at 10 a.m.
- Wednesday, September 25th at 10 a.m.
- Wednesday, October 9th at 10 a.m.
- Wednesday, October 16th at 10 a.m.

If you are reading this and you are thinking I'd really like to attend this study but I can't come in the daytime, please contact Pastor Jane and maybe an evening class could happen if we have enough people interested.

Please call or email Pastor Jane if you are planning to come on Wednesday mornings, but have not signed up yet.

"Sometimes the greatest gift you can give another person is to simply include them..."
--Life of Fred Math

"If speaking kindly to plants helps them grow, imagine what speaking kindly to humans can do."
--Brightvibes

"Act in such a manner that you are living proof of a loving God."
--Mindful Christianity Today

"God's truths are not bricks to throw at people, they are bread to feed people."
--Mindful Christianity Today

Living with Dementia

1. Agree, never argue
2. Divert, never reason
3. Distract, never shame
4. Reassure, never lecture
5. Reminisce, never say, "remember"
6. Repeat, never say, "I told you"
7. Do what they can do, never say, "you can't."
8. Ask, never demand.
9. Encourage, never condescend.
10. Reinforce, never force.

Huey, 1996, CereScan.com

5 Verses to Lift your Heart in Praise

- 1: All praise to God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is our merciful Father and the source of all comfort. (2 Corinthians 1:3)
2. Praise the Lord; praise God our Savior! For each day he carries us in his arms. (Psalm 68:19)
3. May all who search for you be filled with joy and gladness in you. May those who love your salvation repeatedly shout, "The Lord is great!" (Psalm 40:16)
4. All praise to God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly realms because we are united with Christ." (Ephesians 1:3)

5. I will praise you, Lord, with all my heart; I will tell of all the marvelous things you have done. I will be filled with joy because of you. I will sing praises to your name, O Most High. (Psalm 9:1-2)

Our Daily Bread Ministries---2019 No. 3

"Pleasure in the job puts perfection in the work." Aristotle, 4th Century B.C. E.

"If you had a keen vision of all that is ordinary in human life, it would be like hearing the grass grow or the squirrel's heart beat, and we should die of the roar which is the other side of silence."

--George Eliot, 19th Century

"Every creature is a word of God."

--Meister Eckhart, 14th Century

"In the name of God, Stop a moment, cease your work, look around you."

--Leo Tolstoy, 19th Century

"Seeing, hearing, and feeling are miracles, and each part and tag of me is a miracle."

--Walt Whitman

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 Scarfalloto's Hometown Market. 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!



Nursery!!

We are finding ourselves blessed again with the sounds of little ones on a more regular basis! So we are going to be starting up the nursery again! Susan Pratt is in charge of nursery. We are in need of volunteers to take care of the children when necessary. There needs to be 2, unrelated adults with the children at any given time. Background checks are required and the safe sanctuary training as well. They would not be able to volunteer until those requirements are satisfied. The background checks are easy to do for volunteers and the online training for Safe Sanctuaries begins in October. It sounds like a lot to do, but really is very easy. You can contact Pastor Jane or Charmarie for questions concerning checks and clearances. We need to be welcoming to our little ones....they are the future of our church!!!

Friends who would love a friendly card:

Craig Estelle

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South Montrose, PA 18843

Grace Harvey

Gracious Living Estates
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Montrose, PA 18801

Aggie Holbert

Gracious Living Estates
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Montrose, PA 18801

Harry Snell

Fair Hill Personal Care Home
272 Lamphere Road
Montrose, PA 18801

Jean Weaver

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Who's doing what??



Greeters:

Sept 1 & 8

Janet Small and
MaryJane Long

Sept 15 & 22

Shelby and Ray Riker

Oct 6 & 13

Linda and Ken Matthews

Oct 20 & 27

Beverly Way

Nov 3 & 10

Gary and Nancy Jerauld

Nov 17 & 24

John and Sue

Vandermark



Altar Flowers:

September

Mary Torney

October

Peggy Jerauld, Diane
Myers

November

Beverly Way



Acolyte:

Sept 1

Hailyn Campbell

Sept 8

Matthew Hinds

Sept 15

Kohen Kraynak

Sept 22

Emma Bisel

Sept 29

Elizabeth Solonowitz

October 6

Hailyn Campbell

October 13

Matthew Hinds

October 20

Kohen Kraynak

October 27

Emma Bisel

November 3

Elizabeth Solonowitz

November 10

Hailyn Campbell

November 17

Matthew Hinds

November 24

Kohen Kraynak

Please keep the following people in your prayers:

In the Church: Andy, Olivia, and Baby Rowe, Ruth Vandermark, Guy Vandermark, Wayne Vandermark, Jean Weaver, Grace Harvey, Harry & Harriet Snell, Aggie Holbert, Nic Remington, Ben Owen, Craig Estelle, Marian Nye, Matt Hinds, Nate Seymour, Ed Starzec, Mary Jane Long, Marcia Bennett

In Our Community: Ron Baker, Jeff Posten, Hayden Brunges, Family of Joyce Smales, Matt Blaisure, Norma Babcock, Sandy Gardner, John Clough, Amy Robinson, Frog Very, Robert Smith, John Fielding, Dave Rice, Helen Myers, Phil Reimel, Bill Wilber, Stephen VanKuren, Kenny Rauch, Nancy Coy, Damon Johnson, Holden Lunger, David Daniels, Darlene Pacihlock, Dot Owen, 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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