

South Montrose Community Church July 2020 Newsletter

Susquehanna County has gone GREEN! We are now allowed to worship together, using masks and social distancing. See you at 9:15 on Sundays!

Welcome to Pastor Laura Kincaid!!




The Fourth of July—also known as Independence Day or July 4th—has been a federal holiday in the United States since 1941, but the tradition of Independence Day celebrations goes back to the 18th century and the American Revolution. On July 2nd, 1776, the Continental Congress voted in favor of independence, and two days later delegates from the 13 colonies adopted the Declaration of Independence, a historic document drafted by Thomas Jefferson. From 1776 to the present day, July 4th has been celebrated as the birth of American independence, with festivities ranging from fireworks, parades and concerts to more casual family gatherings and barbecues. The Fourth of July 2020 is on Saturday, July 4, 2020.

Interfaith Re-opening Soon!

Interfaith has completed its move to the former Montrose Methodist Church building. They are still waiting on paperwork to open, but hope to be soon, and that they can begin taking donations again! They provide a huge benefit to our community, please support them!

Pastor Introduction – Scranton/Wilkes-Barre District Susquehanna Conference
2020




Introduction:
Pastor Laura Kincaid


Status:
Full time Local Pastor

Education:
Marywood College, BS
Wesley Theological Seminary,
Course of Study (in process)


Current Appointment:
Marysville Bethany,
Harrisburg District




Pastor Laura and James



Laura and Fiona



Laura and Noah



Lee and Laura

Hello!

My name is Laura and I love God more than anything. He is bringing us together, and I am excited to see what good things he has in store for us! I have had many jobs in my life - teacher, actress, nursing assistant, activities assistant in a nursing home, supervisor of a group home for people with mental and physical disabilities. There were things I loved in every job - mostly the people! - but it wasn't until I began my first pastoral appointment 6 years ago that I truly felt that I was exactly where I belonged, doing exactly what I was meant to do. I also saw how every job I have ever had has given me skills and knowledge that have helped me as a Pastor, and I am in awe of how God has tied all these threads together.

My husband's name is James and we have been married for 6 years. James' background is in Human Resources and he is currently working at Fulton Bank. We both love antiques, old houses, and our cats. James' mother Lee lives with us. She is 86 and is a real social butterfly - so long as she doesn't have to get up early! She doesn't do mornings, but loves to tell people stories of her childhood.

I have two children from my first marriage. My daughter Fiona is graduating from Wagner College with a degree in Theatre this May, and my son Noah is at North Carolina State studying Engineering. You will definitely see them when they come to visit - they are both very tall!

James and I are both leaving family behind (in the Harrisburg area and Maryland) which will be difficult; but we are looking forward to the new family we will find in you! I just celebrated my 50th birthday, and if there is anything I have learned in my 50 years, it is to expect wonderful things when we trust God and flow with his plan.

We are looking forward to meeting you and sharing in the vision God has for First Church of New Milford and South Montrose Community Church!

Pastor Laura

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!

Ice Cream For The Soul

Author Unknown

Last week I took my children to a restaurant. My six-year-old son asked if he could say grace. As we bowed our heads he said, "God is good. God is great. Thank you for the food, and I would even thank you more if mom gets us ice cream for dessert. And Liberty and justice for all! Amen."

Along with the laughter from the other customers nearby, I heard a woman remark, "That's what's wrong with this country. Kids today don't even know how to pray. Asking God for ice-cream! Why, I never!" Hearing this, my son burst into tears and asked me, "Did I do it wrong? Is God mad at me?" As I held him and assured him that he had done a terrific job and God was certainly not mad at him, an elderly gentleman approached the table. He winked at my son and said, "I happen to know that

God thought that was a great prayer." "Really?" my son asked. "Cross my heart."

Then in a theatrical whisper he added (indicating the woman whose remark had started this whole thing), "Too bad she never asks God for ice cream. A little ice cream is good for the soul sometimes."

Naturally, I bought my kids ice cream at the end of the meal. My son stared at his for a moment and then did something I will remember the rest of my life. He picked up his sundae and without a word walked over and placed it in front of the woman. With a big smile he told her, "Here, this is for you. Ice cream is good for the soul sometimes, and my soul is good already."

<https://southcountychurches.com/inspirationalstoriespage1.html>

The Bible tells us to not be afraid....

"Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus." ~ [Philippians 4:6-7](#)

"Jesus told him, 'Don't be afraid; just believe.'" ~ [Mark 5:36](#)

"God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble." ~ [Psalm 46:1](#)

Friends who would love a card:

Craig Estelle

PO Box 181
South Montrose, PA 18843

Aggie Holbert

Gracious Living Estates
10543 SR 29
Montrose, PA 18801

Jean Weaver

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

“Keep your face to the sunshine and you cannot see a shadow.” – Helen Keller

“If I cannot do great things, I can do small things in a great way.” – Martin Luther King Jr.

“The most wasted of days is one without laughter.” -- E. E. Cummings

“It is our attitude at the beginning of a difficult task which, more than anything else, will affect its successful outcome.” – William James

And.... A joke from a friend of Matthew’s...
What would Ella Fitzgerald’s name be if she married Darth Vader?
(Ask Matt for the answer☺)

 **Blueberry Festival for this year**
has been canceled. 



Altar Flowers:

July	Brenda Frystak
August	Martha Denkenberger
September	Mary Torney



Greeters:

July 5 & 12	Chris and Charmarie Bisel
July 19 & 26	John and Dawn Shaffer
August 2 & 9	Kelly and Susan Pratt
August 16 & 23	Charlie and Martha Denkenberger
August 30	Janet Small and Mary Jane Long
September 6	Janet Small and Mary Jane Long
September 13	



Acolytes:

July 5	Emma Bisel
July 12	Hailyn Campbell
July 19	Abigail Rozell
July 26	Alexis Rozell
August 2	Matthew Hinds
August 9	Kohen Kraynak
August 16	Emma Bisel
August 23	Hailyn Campbell
August 30	Abigail Rozell
September 6	Alexis Rozell
September 13	Matthew Hinds
September 20	Kohen Kraynak
September 27	Emma Bisel

Please keep the following people in your prayers: (list needs to be updated)

In the Church: Brittany Elko, Family of Phyllis Myers, Jesse Frystak, Charlie Valenza, Glenn Vandermark, Marian Arnold, Mickey Fox, Ida Rhodes, David Myers, Brenda, Clay & Cole, Ruth Vandermark, Guy Vandermark, Wayne Vandermark, Jean Weaver, Harriet Snell, Aggie Holbert, Nic Remington, Ben Owen, Craig Estelle, Matt Hinds

In Our Community: Larry Coy, Danielle, Richard, Dave Hibbard, Jim Hogg, Bishop Park & Cabinet, The UMC, General Conference 2021 and our Delegates, Janet Birchard, Hunter Wilcox, Brendon Kelly, Chandler Brown, Tracey Cunningham, Zion Emmanuel Nye, Jerry Townes, Ron Baker, Jeff Posten, Hayden Brunges, Dylan Blaisure, Norma Babcock, John Clough, Frog Very, Robert Smith, Phil Reimel, Bill Wilber, Stephen VanKuren, Kenny Rauch, Nancy Coy, Damon Johnson, 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 Guyr, Misty Hitchcock, Dennis Carey, Jeanette Smith, Tony Susi, John Capoccia, Jose Roe, John Breen, Audrey Cady, Bill Copley, Margie Green, Jim Taylor, Bernie Boyer, Family of June Ochse, Joyce Millard, James Walters, Catalina, 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.

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