

**South Montrose
Community Church
December 2020 Newsletter**



Pastor Laura Kincaid



Advent Begins!!

Join us this Sunday as we begin the journey to Jesus' birth! We will be having the "Hanging of the Greens" service. This year especially, we need to remember the reason for the season. We need the fellowship and the joy and peace that comes with the Christmas season!

Adopt-a-family

Once again this year we are participating in the adopt-a-family program. We have a family of 4, (mom, dad, and 2 teenagers).

This is such an important thing for our community. If you would like to donate towards buying the gifts, please give your donation to Mary Hinds by December 6th. Thank you for your generosity!

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 Scarfallatto'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!

Community Workers

The Community Workers will meet Thursday, December 10th, at 1:00 pm to pack the holiday baskets for our shut-ins. We are sorry that there will NOT be a lunch this year and we can NOT accept homemade cookies. We welcome donations to purchase packaged items and fruit. There will be a basket in the back of the sanctuary next to the offering plate or you may give donations to Martha, the treasurer. All are welcome to come to a brief meeting and to help pack the baskets. Thank you very much.

Advent Meditations

There will be two Advent Meditations at the Montrose Presbyterian Church in December. Sunday afternoon December 13th at 3:00 pm Martha Denkenberger will be playing the organ and Jean Starzec will be playing duets with her on the piano. On Sunday afternoon, December the 20th at 3:00 pm Johanna Masters will be playing the organ and her husband Tim will join on the piano. We are all sorry not to have the usual choral Christmas music this year but the piano and organ can still go on! All are welcome to come to the sanctuary these afternoons or to watch on Facebook, First Presbyterian Church, Montrose.

Soup Night

The next drive thru soup night will be held on December 21st from 4:30-6:30. The soups will be stuffed pepper and cream of potato. Donations go towards the food bank. All are welcome!!

Six Little Stories with Lots of Meanings

1. Once all the villagers decided to pray for rain. On the day of the prayer, all the people gathered, but only one boy came with an umbrella. That is faith.
2. When you throw babies in the air, they laugh because they know you will catch them. That is trust.

3. Every night we go to bed without any assurance of being alive the next morning, but still we set the alarms to wake up. That is hope.
4. We plan big things for tomorrow, in spite of zero knowledge of the future. That is confidence.
5. We see the world suffering, but still, we get married and have children. That is love.
6. On an old man's shirt was written the sentence "I am not 80 years old; I am sweet 16 with 64 years of experience." That is attitude.

Have a happy day and live your life like these six stories. Remember- good friends are the rare jewels of life, difficult to find and impossible to replace!

-- taken from Gigi Salsman's facebook page



Altar Flowers:

December

Angela Frystak



Greeters:

On hold for now.....



Acolytes:

- December 6
- December 13
- December 20
- December 27

- Matthew Hinds
- Kohen Kraynak
- Emma Bisel
- Hailyn Campbell

Thank you to Amanda Rozell for submitting one of her favorite recipes!

To Die For Blueberry Muffins

These muffins are extra large and yummy with the sugary-cinnamon crumb topping. I usually double the recipe and fill the muffin cups just to the top edge for a wonderful extra-generously-sized deli style muffin. Add extra blueberries too, if you want!

prep: 15 mins

cook: 25 mins

total: 40 mins

Servings: 8

Yield: 8 large muffins

Ingredients

Ingredient Checklist

- 1 ½ cups all-purpose flour
- ¾ cup white sugar
- ½ teaspoon salt
- 2 teaspoons baking powder
- ⅓ cup vegetable oil
- 1 egg
- ⅓ cup milk, or more as needed
- 1 cup fresh blueberries
- ½ cup white sugar
- ⅓ cup all-purpose flour
- ¼ cup butter, cubed
- 1 ½ teaspoons ground cinnamon

Directions

Instructions Checklist

- Preheat oven to 400 degrees F (200 degrees C). Grease muffin cups or line with muffin liners.
- Combine 1 1/2 cups flour, 3/4 cup sugar, salt and baking powder. Place vegetable oil into a 1 cup measuring cup; add the egg and add enough milk to reach the 1-cup mark. Mix

this with flour mixture. Fold in blueberries. Fill muffin cups right to the top, and sprinkle with crumb topping mixture.

- To Make Crumb Topping: Mix together 1/2 cup sugar, 1/3 cup flour, 1/4 cup butter, and 1 1/2 teaspoons cinnamon. Mix with fork, and sprinkle over muffins before baking.
- Bake for 20 to 25 minutes in the preheated oven, or until done.

Nutrition Facts

Per Serving:

383 calories; protein 4.3g 9% DV; carbohydrates 56.9g 18% DV; fat 16.1g 25% DV; cholesterol 39.3mg 13% DV; sodium 321.8mg 13% DV.

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This issue of the SMCC newsletter will be the last for a while. When things get back to “normal”, and there are more events and news to print, I will try to get it started again. Thank you for reading!
Mary Hinds

Please keep the following people in your prayers:

In the Church: Bob Remington, Brittany Elko, Charlie Valenza, Marian Arnold, Mickey Fox, Ida Rhodes, Ruth Vandermark, Guy Vandermark, Wayne Vandermark, Jean Weaver, Harriet Snell, Aggie Holbert, Nic Remington, Ben Owen, Craig Estelle,

In Our Community: Andy Mooney, Students, staff, and parents, Danielle, Dave Hibbard, Jim Hogg, Bishop Park & Cabinet, The UMC, General Conference 2021 and our Delegates, Janet Birchard, Hunter Wilcox, Chandler Brown, Tracey Cunningham, Zion Emmanuel Nye, Jerry Townes, Ron Baker, Jeff Posten, Hayden Brunges, Dylan Blaisure, Norma Babcock, Robert Smith, Phil Reimel, Bill Wilber, Stephen VanKuren, Kenny Rauch, Damon Johnson, David Daniels, Darlene Pacihlock, Dot Owen, Dawn Arnold, Lorna Jones, Jim Snell, John Henry, Debbie Smales, Elijah Sabo, Jim Phillips, Justin Guyrs, Misty Hitchcock, Dennis Carey, Jeanette Smith, Tony Susi, John Capoccia, Jose Roe, John Breen, Audrey Cady, Bill Copley, Margie Green, Jim Taylor, Bernie Poyer, 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.

Please let Pastor Laura know of any changes that need to be made to the prayer list.

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