

South Montrose Community Church

October 2020 Newsletter



-----Message from Pastor Laura-----

I brought out the old “Spotlight” article so we can learn a bit more about Pastor Laura. Enjoy!

Where were you born? I was born in Williamsport, PA and was adopted at the age of 4 months and brought to Mechanicsburg, PA, where I grew up.

Where did you go to high school?
Trinity High School – Go Shamrocks!

Were you involved in any sports or clubs in high school? I was involved in Theatre, Choir, and was a majorette in the band.

Did you go to college? If so, where? What degree? I got my BS in Elementary Education at Marywood College

What was your first job? Other jobs? Any unusual jobs? I started out as a second grade teacher at Good Shepherd Elementary. I have also taught 5th, 6th, 7th, and 8th grade. I have worked as a

Nursing Assistant, a Chiropractic Assistant, an Activities Assistant, a water aerobics instructor, Supervisor of a Group Home, and the official “Pretty Pretty Princess” at the Popcorn Hat Players Children’s Theatre. My favorite job is being a pastor!

When were you married? Children? Grandchildren? I was married the first time in 1993 and had my daughter Fiona in 1997, and my son Noah in 1999. James and I were married in 2014.

What places have you lived? I have moved a lot, but all in the Central PA area – Mechanicsburg, Shiremanstown, Camp Hill, Harrisburg, McConnellsburg, Marysville. I lived out of state for one year in Reynoldsburg Ohio.

What is your favorite vacation spot? Favorite vacation memory? I have travelled to England, Ireland, Italy, and went on a missions trip to the Ukraine. I started to crochet on the plane on the way to the Ukraine, just to pass the time. By the time we finished the 20-hour journey, I had taught every single person on my team to crochet – yes, even the guys - and proceeded to ignite the interest of the translator, pastor, and pastor’s husband while we were in Kerch. By the time we left, we had handmade scarves to hand out to all the kids...and their parents....and their pets...and their stuffed animals.....

What do you do in your spare time? I like to read, go for long walks, and am trying to learn to be a better gardener.

How long have you attended SMCC? 3 whole months!

Do you have a favorite Bible verse or story? So many of them are my favorite! This week I am particularly loving the story of David dancing with joy before the Lord, and totally not caring when some people scorned him for it. (2 Samuel 6)

What is your favorite room in your house? Anyplace where I can light a candle and pray.

How has your faith helped you through a difficult time, or was there a specific time that you could feel God working in your life? I went through a season of depression. It was incredibly difficult to get through, but healing came in recognizing that God is enough; as long as I have God, I lack nothing, and since I can never lose God, I am always good, no matter what my circumstances are.

Tell us something about yourself that most people would not know. I took Karate in college and was close to being a brown belt. That was a long time ago - Do not expect me to be able to protect you in a dark parking lot now!

Bible Study continues

Join us Tuesday mornings at 10:00 for an hour long Bible study on Prayer. No book is needed, just bring your Bible, or we have them available to use. Masks required.

Litter Pick up

Thank you so much to Bob and Paula Remington, Pastor Laura Kincaid, Kelly Pratt, MaryJane Long, and Janet Small for picking up 14 bags of litter from out 2 mile stretch of Route 29! Caring for God’s beauty is a great mission!



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!

Successful Soup Night

September Soup Night was a huge success. We dished out 122 servings of soup. We ran out of broccoli cheddar soup and salads. We're working at adjusting amounts for October. Total Donations were \$400. After expenses, we donated \$280 to Trehab.

Next month's Soup Night will be October 26, which is a date change. The soups will be Chicken Corn Noodle and Butternut Squash.

October is Pastor Appreciation Month!

15 Ways you can pray for your pastor

The life of a United Methodist pastor is filled with a variety of responsibilities. They preach, teach, visit, counsel, lead, consult, communicate, budget, clean, and so much more.

Pastoring a church is not a job that can be done well under the pastor's power alone. Every pastor relies heavily on God's guidance, strength and peace as they live into their call.

One of the best ways we can support our pastors and show them our appreciation is to regularly pray for them. But it can be difficult to know exactly what we should pray for. To help get started, we've assembled fifteen areas of pastors' lives and ministries where they would value your prayers.

1. Spiritual lives

Our pastors' spiritual lives are important to their finding the wisdom, strength and guidance necessary to lead a church. Pray for your pastors' growth as a disciple of Jesus Christ, as the Holy Spirit works through them to serve your congregation and community.

2. Time management

With all of their responsibilities, United Methodist pastors need to become masters of their calendars. John Wesley knew this back in the 1700s. He instructed the preachers, "Never trifle away time." Pray for your pastors to use time wisely, including blocking out occasions for Sabbath rest, prayer, work and family.

3. Families

Speaking of families, it is important to remember that our ministers may also be a spouse, a parent, and a child to parents who have needs. Remember to pray for your pastor's family.

4. Preaching

Delivering a great sermon (and the ones that are less than great) takes hours of study and preparation. Pray for your pastors as they prepare worship services, sacraments and sermons. May they have the words to communicate what God has placed on their hearts.

5. Strength

The work of a pastor requires reserves of spiritual and emotional strength. Ask God to bolster ministers' hearts and minds, especially on days when they feel weak, inadequate, or unqualified.

6. Visiting ministries

Visiting people in hospital rooms, nursing homes, rehabilitation centers, memory centers, hospice units, homes and jail cells, is an important part of your pastor's job. Pray for her or his ability to connect with those who are struggling and to share God's comfort, peace and hope.

7. Leadership

Pastors shepherd their congregations, lead individuals to Christ and guide the church as a witness to the work of God in our communities. Pray for your pastor's ability to lead your congregation.

8. Decision-making

Being a leader includes making difficult decisions. Sometimes that means making a call when the "right answer" is elusive. Other times it is about making an unpopular choice. Pray for God to guide your pastor's decisions.

9. Ministry with the poor

Pastors are called upon to help those who do not have enough food, rent money, or the ability to pay a utility bill. They also lead their congregations to do the same. Pray that your pastor has the wisdom and resources necessary to help those in need, and that he or she might represent Jesus well to those who feel forgotten.

10. Communication

We've all sent a note, email or text that is misunderstood by the recipient. Ministers reach out to so many people, miscommunication is nearly impossible to

avoid. Ask God to make your pastor's communication clear and for grace when he or she is misunderstood.

11. Conflict

Conflicts sometimes arise when people miscommunicate and disagree. Some conflicts are serious, while others are petty. Pray for your pastors' strength, wisdom, patience and discernment as they navigate the conflicts that arise.

12. Vision

United Methodist pastors help set the vision for their congregations. Pray that your pastor may clearly see where God is leading your church and for opportunities for ministries to grow in those areas.

13. Finances

Money worries can be a big distraction. Pray for financial peace for your pastor, both with the congregation's budget and his or her family finances.

14. Health

Your pastor's physical health is important. Pray for them to take time to care for their bodies through rest, exercise, and eating well.

15. Encouragement

Pray for your pastors to be encouraged today. Pray that they might know in their hearts the differences they make in the lives of individuals, in your congregation, and in your community.

You can be an answer to prayer when you encourage your ministers. Write a note, text or email to let them know what a difference they make in your life. They will surely appreciate it.



Acolytes:

October 4	Hailyn Campbell
October 11	Abigail Rozell
October 18	Alexis Rozell
October 25	Matthew Hinds
November 1	Kohen Kraynak
November 8	Emma Bisel
November 15	Hailyn Campbell
November 22	Abigail Rozell
November 29	Alexis Rozell
December 6	Matthew Hinds
December 13	Kohen Kraynak
December 20	Emma Bisel
December 27	Hailyn Campbell



Altar Flowers:

October	Peggy Jerauld, Diane Myers
November	Beverly Way
December	Angela Frystak



Greeters:

October 4	Tom and Darlene Bisel
October 11 & 18	Beverly Way
October 25	Gary and Nancy Jerauld
November 1	Gary and Nancy Jerauld
November 8 & 15	John and Sue Vandermark
November 22 & 29	Mike and 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, David Myers, Ruth Vandermark, Guy Vandermark, Wayne Vandermark, Jean Weaver, Harriet Snell, Aggie Holbert, Nic Remington, Ben Owen, Craig Estelle,

In Our Community: Students, staff, and parents, Danielle, Richard, 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, Frog Very, Robert Smith, Phil Reimel, Bill Wilber, Stephen VanKuren, Kenny Rauch, Nancy Coy, 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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