

Montgomery United Methodist Church
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www.WelcomeChurch.net - *The Rev. Dr. Anthony J. Godlefski, Senior Pastor*
The Weekly Reminder – Summer Sundays

Greetings from the Pastor

Dear Friend in Christ,

Thank you so very much for being in Church today. I am extending a warm and heartfelt blessing to everyone who is with us here in the Sanctuary on these summer Sundays. Your presence is a powerful and important witness for the Lord. Your presence strengthens everyone else. God bless you for being here!

If you are new to our Church, I am extending a special blessing to you. This summer I will be away from the Church on what is usually my vacation time: but this year it will be my medical recuperation time from some benign but important surgery.

Whether we know each other or not, I would so appreciate your prayers and positive thoughts. I am intending that all will go well, and that I'll be able to meet you in person on Sunday, September 9th, 2018. This is a truly wonderful and friendly Church. I feel so blessed to be part of it. I hope you will too. See you in September!

Blessings always, *Pastor Tony*

2. Pastor's Medical Leave

I will be away from the Church and intend to return to the pulpit on Sunday, September 9th, 2018. During the time I am away, if you need to contact the Church about anything, please call my Administrative Assistant, Mrs. Nancy Hranek on her cell at (609) 954-6743 or email her at nancyhranek@gmail.com. Nancy will help you with general questions and deal with issues about scheduling, church publications, and such.

If you have questions about general Church related issues, please call Deb Ploe on her cell at (732) 236-4571 or email her at debploe@gmail.com. Deb is secretary of the Staff Parish Relations Committee.

If you have questions about the Church building, please call Trustee President, Barbara Ewick on her cell at (732) 735-5887 or email her at tufitis@comcast.net.

If you have an urgent counseling need, please contact Dr. Martin Tashman, an outstanding therapist and family counselor. (732-246-8484). He's located in New Brunswick.

If you need to speak to a Pastor directly, please call our good friend Rev. Tom Roberts at (202) 701-9622.

Thank you for your help and understanding. Thank you also for your ongoing prayers and kind words of support. I look at this time as an act of God's love and prevenient grace extending to me in the form of the hope of long-range good health. Thank you and God bless you.

Your friend, *Pastor Tony*

3. Unto Eternal Life

Please pray for Jean Ammirata and her daughter Stephanie Sayers in the sudden loss of Jean's son-in-law, Alfred Gilliam. Stephanie's husband, Alfred, passed suddenly after falling from a ladder while working near the roof of their home. Let us be in prayer for all of Jean's family as they go through these challenging days. Please send condolences to: Stephanie Sayers, 58 Fairfield Road, Havertown, PA 19083.

4. You're Always Welcome!

If you are new to our Church - welcome!! Please do continue to visit our Church and hear our wonderful guest preachers this summer. I look forward to meeting you in person when I hope to return from my time away in August. God bless you! *Pastor Tony*

5. Please Jump Ahead for Summer

We travel. We go on vacation. We enjoy this wonderful summertime! But please be aware that your Church still has obligations and bills to pay all year round. Instead of "catching up" in the Autumn, won't you please consider "jumping ahead for summer"? I enjoy the practice of pre-paying my pledge to the Church before I go away. Won't you join me? It will be a blessing to everyone. Thank you for considering this.

Your friend, *Pastor Tony*

6. Heart and Key Takes a Hiatus

MUMC family: The Heart and Key class will not meet during the month of August. However, we will continue to have a need for drivers to bring ladies from the Crawford House to Church each Sunday morning. Pick up time is 8:00 am and the return to the Crawford House is around 10:00 am. If you can volunteer for a Sunday in the month of August, please call or text Stacy Ladyman @ 609-462-0279. Thank you!

7. Special Offering Envelope

The gifts in this morning's Special Offering Envelope will be used toward the most pressing needs of our Church. Thank you and God bless.

8. Will You Be a Sunday Snack Provider?

Every Sunday, our congregation and guests enjoy a very special time of coffee and fellowship after the service. We need your help with this! Can you be a "Snack Provider" for one or more upcoming Sundays? Pastry, fruit, and cheese providers are needed. If you can, please just bring a snack to share after the service. Thank you so much!

9. MUMC "BIG Days"

Any Sunday service, and especially our "BIG Days", are excellent times to invite friends who may not have a church home. Here are some important "BIG Days" happening at our Church. Be sure to mark your calendar:

Pastor Returns/Holy Communion:	Sunday, September 9th, 2018
Church Picnic:	Sunday, September 16th, 2018
Fall Rummage Sale:	Friday/Saturday, October 19th/20th, 2018

10. Happy Birthday to You!

August - 5 - Jasmine Cheek; 6 - Brian Mayer; 9 - Steve Laney; 9 - Lisa Drift; 10 - Stephen Carter; 12 - Andy Heckel; 15 - Allison Ruddock; 17 - Julie Freehauf; 20 - Rob Cheek; 25 - Ernie Willson; 30 - Karen Fleischer; 31 - Brent O'Dell;
September - 4 - Rob Cincotta; 4 - Jeff Huleatt; 6 - Ron Szabo; 7 - Sierra Riggs; 8 - Lisa Hewel; 9 - Lynn Blakemore; 11 - Deb Ploe; 13 - Frank Deardorf

Note: If there is a name you wish to be added to the Birthday List, or if you see an error, please contact Nancy Hranek at nancyhranek@gmail.com

11. The Prayer List: Names to add? Send a note or email to Nancy Hranek at nancyhranek@gmail.com.

Let us surround our loved ones and friends with the blessed power of prayer: • Please pray for healing for **Elaine Mallett** as she undergoes eye surgery; • Please keep **Jean Ammirata** and her daughter, **Stephanie Sayers** in your prayers, for the sudden loss of Jean's son-in-law and Stephanie's husband, **Alfred Gilliam**; • Please pray for **Kaye Foster** who was on an excursion in Ecuador and suddenly became unable to walk; • Let us pray for **Connie Gray**, who is recovering from recent surgery; • Please pray for David and Karen Lawrence's grandchildren, **Olivia, Hayley and Thomas Antonucci, Jr.**, who were born recently in July. All are doing amazingly well, (answered prayers!) but they were two months early, so please keep them in your prayers for ongoing health and development; • Prayers for **Robert Kurtz**, Orsola Burnette's husband, who is dealing with significant medical challenges; • Let pray for the family of **Josephine Marsch**, mother of Denise Marsch-Ruppert (Betty Ruppert's daughter-in-law), who passed away on Friday, May 25th; • Let us pray for **John Dismukes** who is recovering from a stroke. He is home now; • Let us be in prayer for Barbara Ewick and Dylan Boger in the passing of Barbara's sister-in-law, **Joanne Ewick**, who recently went to be with the Lord; • For the family and friends of **Gary Nuckols**, who passed away on Thursday, April 5th, 2018. Gary and his wife, Alice, are beloved lifelong friends of Daryl and Bill Potter; (4/5/2018) • For several **young men and women** struggling with spiritual and emotional challenges; (4/5/2018) • For **Beth**, sister-in-law of Sue Wilder for blessings and recovery from health challenges; (3/29/2018) • Please keep a member of Deb's family in your prayers, **Margaret Clugston (Nanny)**; • Prayers of comfort for **Linda Bellavia** and her family in the passing of her mother; (3/13/2018) • For **Dr. Tracey Lee** and her family - for healing blessings for Dr. Tracey's mom, who was in a car accident in Florida; • Please pray for the families and all loved ones of the victims of gun-related tragedies; • Please keep **Kaye Foster** in your prayers in the passing of her father, **Dalwin Foster**; • Let us pray for the **Rev. Tom Roberts** for comfort in the passing of his father; • Let us be in prayer for **Frank Picone and Kim** and their family for comfort from grief. Kim's mother, Carol Wolfe, passed away on December 8th, 2017; (12/8/2017) • Prayers of blessings for **Jean Ammirata**, for increasingly good health; • For Deb Ploe's brother, **Patrick**...continued prayers for a quick and full recovery, along with prayers for **Vilma** and her continued spiritual support and encouragement; • For **Alexa Vasquez**, Dr. Robert and Candida Marques-Harman's daughter, for a full recovery from a serious thrombosis in her leg; • For the people of **Puerto Rico**, that he recovery of their island may be swift and complete; • For **Laura Lynn Boger**, Dylan's mother and Barb Ewick's daughter, who underwent successful liver transplant surgery recently; (9/13/2017) • For **Janet's children**, for blessings and with love; • For **Christine**, a friend of Kathy Johnson-Brown, for good health; • Prayers of God's grace, protection, and courage for **Jennifer Barnett**; • **Anonymous request** for healing prayers; • For Barbra LaPilusa's niece, **Megan Elizabeth Helsel**, for complete healing; • For the **Cruz Family**, for blessings of family members in Puerto Rico; • For **Vy Willson**, dealing with the symptoms of Parkinson's Disease; (5/12/2017) • For **Mike Behn**, for healing, for wisdom for his doctors and comfort for his wife and son; (4/21/2017) • Kathy Johnson-Brown asks that we pray for her daughter, **Stef**, who is moving to Kansas; (4/16/2017) • Continued prayers for **Lawrence Cardinal**, for good health; • Pray that **Barbra and Nicole LaPilusa** have true peace, health, happiness and continue to grow with God's love always; • Hedy Bottitta asks that we pray for her **husband**; (4/16/2017) • **Joan Dismukes** asks that we continue to pray for the alleviation of her pain; (4/16/2017) • For blessings of recovery, please pray for **Anthony Bottitta**; • For **Connie Grey**, for healing and freedom from pain; (2/2/2017) • For **Andy Schechter**, for increasingly good health; (12/25/2016) • Let us pray for **Makenzie Bracaloni**, infant daughter of Ashley and Robert Bracaloni (Ashley is Bob and Sandi Bjornsen's granddaughter; Makenzie is their great granddaughter) for good health; • For **Karen Fleischer's mother**, who is home recovering from a health challenge; (6/19/2016) • For **Bob and Sandi Bjornsen**, for good health; (4/24/2016) • For **Lisa Drift**, for continued healing; (9/27/2015).