

**Montgomery United Methodist Church**  
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[www.WelcomeChurch.net](http://www.WelcomeChurch.net) - *The Rev. Dr. Anthony J. Godlefski, Senior Pastor*  
**The Weekly Reminder** – July 14th, 2019

**Greetings from the Pastor**

Dear Friend in Christ,

Thanks to your help and generosity, I am so thrilled about how our Church is shaping up! The way that our grounds present themselves to those who pass by and those who attend and visit here is important. I'm happy to tell you today that, thanks to your generosity:

- our Church campus is looking great! Thanks to your help with the **Landscaping Club**, our **grounds look fresh and well cared for**.
- **extensive work has been done** in the **front round garden**, the **playground**, the **courtyard garden**, and the greenery surrounding the entranceway, thanks to your contributions to the **Great Summer Offering**.
- the rusting and **near-bursting pipes in the attic above the Banquet Hall have been fully replaced** - a concern the Trustees have had over the last several winters.
- concerns about the **septic system** of our Church are now on their way to correction, thanks to one of our generous families who have taken on the work and corresponding financing of this project as their Church contribution to the Great Summer Offering.
- the **fire warning system and Fire Marshall safety issues** are well on their way to complete correction - once again, thanks to your generosity through the Great Summer Offering - and we aren't done yet! This and numerous other projects are underway thanks to your great stewardship and generosity.

To use the Bible's phrase, through your generosity, you are making "the rough places plain (smooth), and the crooked places straight" for the performance of God's work. Having the infrastructure in place makes the doing of our ministry practical and possible. And there's more to come!

I rejoice in our partnership together in ministry. Thank you so much for being an active part of this wonderful congregation and its work!

Come celebrate with us as we continue our study of Galatians 5:22-25 - our series on "The Fruit of the Spirit". I so look forward to seeing you in Church!

Your friend in Christ, *Pastor Tony*

**2. Unto Eternal Life**

It is with sadness that I tell you of the passing of Dennis Daggett, who passed away on Sunday, July 7th, 2019. Margaret and Dennis were an active part of our Church family some years ago, and had moved to Las Vegas. Let us surround Margaret and her family with our love and prayers.

**3. A Special Request From a Member of our Church Family**

A young man, who is a member of the Montgomery United Methodist Church family, is looking for an entry-level career opportunity in the field of Data Management.

For the last three years, he was employed as a Database Administrator at Educational Testing Services (E.T.S.) in Princeton, New Jersey. During this time, he was asked to take on positions of increasing responsibilities while working in three different departments. His strengths include maneuvering in and out of internal and external databases and importing/exporting large quantities of data. In addition, he has experience formatting data with the capability of drawing conclusions based on the information provided.

If you have any ideas for this young man, please reach out to Pastor Tony at [PastorTony@MontgomeryUMC.org](mailto:PastorTony@MontgomeryUMC.org) or call him at (908) 295-2252.

**4. The New Organ Installation Has Begun!**

The installation of the William H. Scheide Memorial Pipe Organ began at 9 AM on Monday, July 8th, 2019. The skillful crew of the Organ Clearing House has been working intensely to out the organ together, after this year of rebuilding and modernization. The organ was the personal instrument of Dr. William H. Scheide. His widow, Mrs. Judith Scheide, had graciously decided to give the organ to our Church along with funding the cost of moving, rebuilding, installation and maintenance. It will fit perfectly in our West Gallery (back balcony). It is especially suited to the music of J.S. Bach and the composers of the classical era. The builder's work is complete for the moment; they will return with the pipes in the fall. We look forward to the organ being playable in the fall.

**5. Would You Like to Lead the Pastoral Prayer?**

We'd like to give people the opportunity to say the Pastoral Prayer during the service. The Pastoral Prayer takes place right before we say the Lord's Prayer on all Sundays except Holy Communion Sunday. There will be a sign up sheet on the bulletin board in the Café. See Pastor Tony if you have any questions.

## 6. The Landscaping Club is Underway!

We are delighted that so many families have stepped up to be a part of our Landscaping Club. We are on our way to a neat landscaped campus through the summer! Our Landscaping Club Members include: Joan and David Musante, John and Gail DeHeus, Diane and David Ruddock, Riley, Nicole, and George Krubski, Karen and David Lawrence, Hedy Bottitta, Gil Bougher, Steve Heckel, and Sally Pillar. Thank you, and God bless you!

## 7. Handbell Choir Rehearsal Resumes in the Fall

Handbell Choir rehearsals will start again on September 11th, 2019 under the direction of our new Director, Kelly Ye (pronounced "Yeh"). See you in September!

## 8. Chapel of Peace

We plan to have the Live Stream Broadcast be available on Saturday evenings and through the night. If you'd like to have a quiet time of prayer at your computer screen, tune into the Live Stream Broadcast @ [www.WelcomeChurch.net](http://www.WelcomeChurch.net) and enjoy the peace of our sanctuary on Saturday nights.

## 9. Do You Want to Be A Sunday Morning Snack Provider?

Snack providers are needed for after the 8:45 AM and 10:30 AM services on Sundays. There will be a sign up clipboard in the Café Hallway and one in the Banquet Hall. Thank you for your generosity!

## 10. Paper Directory - Last Sunday for Corrections!

It's time to update our Church Directory of Family and Friends! A special area of the bulletin board will be dedicated to updating your information. If your information is correct, please write, "ok" next to your name and initial it. If corrections/additions need to be made, please make them directly on the bulletin board copy. If you don't see your name and wish to have your information added to our Directory please add it to the sheet. Please remember to write legibly. Thank you!

## 11. Birthday List Update

In addition to our Church Directory of Family and Friends, we also have a Birthday List that may need updating. Please check it out (on the Missions bulletin board) and update if necessary or add your name if you don't see it there. Thank you!

## 12. Happy Birthday to You!

July - 1 Orsola Burnette; 1 Natalie Quick; 3 Sherri McKelvey; 4 Dina Pecci; 8 Shawn Carter; 9 Kathy Johnson-Brown; 10 Arlene Duncan; 11 Jon Ryan Fitzpatrick; 12 Glenn Long; 14 Alyssa O'Dell; 14 Mark Faille; 14 Nicole Krubski; 15 Lillian Chance; 16 Jeff Fanok, Jr.; 16 Greg Mallett; 18 Nancy Moses; 19 Jill Turanski; 20 Debbie Ridder; 21 Penny Vogt; 22 Kolbe Schultz; 24 Lee Krubski; 25 Trey Ladyman; 27 Jennifer Ochs; 29 Jonathan DeHeus; 29 Dr. Laura Bell; 30 Pastor Tony; 31 Hannah Steele

## 13. The Prayer List:

Let us surround our loved ones and friends with the blessed power of prayer: • For **Dr. Bill Schnaper**, college roommate of Steve Heckel, suffering from a significant health challenge. Please pray for healing and recovery; (7/11/2019) • Let us pray for the **family of Deb Ploe** as they grieve the passing of "Nanny", Bailey Margaret's Great-Grandmother, on June 30th, 2019; (7/2/2019) • Please pray for Cathy Johnson-Brown's brother **Bill Johnson**, for healing; (6/25/2019) • For **Ashley Snyder**, for healing (6/13/2019); • Please pray for the **families who lost a loved one** in the Virginia Beach municipal building shooting, requested by Cathy Twomey, who resides in Virginia Beach; (6/8/2019) • **John Moretto**, Sam Sapienza's cousin, for strength and good health; (5/28/2019) • For **Arne Rasmussen**, for healing after surgery; (5/16/2019) • For **Barbara, a friend of Sue Wilder**, for recovery from surgery; (5/16/2019) • For **Bill Potter**, for relief from a bad back with pinched nerves, and who is also undergoing surgery Friday, May 17th; (5/14/2019) • Let us pray for **Kay Foster** and her family, for good health for her, her children, and her Mother and Sister; • Please keep Deb Ploe's brother, **Patrick** in your prayers for strength and continued healing; (2/8/2019) • For **Anthony Bottitta**, Hedy's husband, for good health. Please also remember **Hedy Bottitta** in your prayers as she may face surgery for a torn rotator cuff; (1/10/2019) • For **Karen Fleischer's Mother**, for strength and good health; (11/21/2018) • For the **sister of Steve Cooper**, for comfort and healing; (10/11/2018) • For **Bob and Sandi Bjornsen**, for increasingly good health for themselves and family members; (10/11/2018)

Guidelines: Names will remain on the Prayer List for 30 days. If you wish to keep the request for a longer period, simply call the Church office at (908) 874-3272 or contact Nancy Hranek at [nancyhranek@gmail.com](mailto:nancyhranek@gmail.com) or (609) 954-6743. Prayer requests can be renewed as often as you wish.

*"Hold me in your prayers, Friend, hold me in your prayers; half the power of praying is knowing someone cares." (Marcus Bach)*