

Montgomery United Methodist Church
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www.WelcomeChurch.net - *The Rev. Dr. Anthony J. Godlefski, Senior Pastor*
The Weekly Reminder – April 21, 2019

Greetings from the Pastor

Dear Friend in Christ,

Happy Easter to you! Welcome to Church! Today is the great day of days – the day on which we celebrate our Lord Jesus Christ's triumph over death. It is the day we celebrate God's word of victory and power over what the world would call impossibility.

There is so much joy in my heart as I welcome you to Church this morning. If you are one of our regular attenders, God bless you! Welcome! If you are new with us today and may be looking for a church home – welcome! We are so glad you are here. Please continue to attend and find out what this Church is like. If you are one of our seasonal visitors, or you are attending with family and friends – welcome! It is so good to see you. May you find a warm welcome in this place. We are happy to see you whenever you were here.

Whether you were in Church last Sunday, or are back with us after a time away – welcome! The important thing is that you are here, and that we are enjoying the Lord's presence together. My fondest wish is that you would experience the joy and closeness of the risen Christ because you've been in Church this morning. Christ is risen! May the joy of that mysterious truth fill your heart today.

Your friend in Christ, *Pastor Tony*

2. MUMC Clean-Up Day is April 20th, 2019 - 9 AM to 3 PM - Holy Saturday

- **Who's invited?** – everyone! (all ages, from youthful to experienced).
- **What** – clean 'em up! Leaves, branches and weeds, stuff like that. We also plan to clean up the playground.
- **Why** – to help to beautify the Church grounds, and create an inviting environment for the congregation and our guests. Also, we save money this way.
- **When** – April 20th – from 9 AM to 3 PM. You don't need to come for the whole time, any portion will help out. Many hands will make light work. Pizza lunch provided. Also, if the 20th doesn't work for you, email Rob and he can provide you some ideas and you can come on your own time to help out.
- **Where** – at the Church.
- **What to bring** – rakes, work clothes and work gloves. Also – pruners, shovels, wheel barrows, and your favorite gardening tools. We also need a leaf blower, if anyone has a back-pack blower to lend that would help greatly. For safety reasons please no chainsaws.

Contact Rob Cincotta at (908) 642-7329 or by email at rcincotta@gmail.com for more information.

3. Got Smiles?

I do a lot of shopping on Amazon - how about you? Instead of going to the Amazon site, I have bookmarked <https://smile.amazon.com>, and do all of my Amazon shopping there. It helps our Church - and gives us all something to smile about! Please see the yellow insert in the bulletin to find out more. PT

4. Did You Know...

If you can't come to Church on a given Sunday morning, did you know that you can experience the service live over our "Live Audio Broadcast (LAB)"? Just go to our website www.WelcomeChurch.net, look for the menu bar and click on "Live Audio Broadcast". Also, you can listen to past services, concerts and sermons by clicking "Sermons".

5. UMW Rummage Sale News

Please be advised there will be no Spring Rummage Sale this year. The United Methodist Women will hold a Rummage Sale in the fall on Friday, October 4th and Saturday, October 5th, 2019.

6. Upcoming Events

- **Thursday, April 18th, 2019** - Holy Thursday Communion Service @ 7:30 PM
- **Friday, April 19th, 2019** - Good Friday Service @ 12:15 PM
- **Saturday, April 20th, 2019** - MUMC Clean-Up Day (9 AM to 3 PM)
- **Sunday, April 21st, 2019** - Easter Day
- **William H. Scheide Memorial Organ** - installation after Easter

7. Happy Birthday to You!

April - 2 - Elizabeth Callan; 5 - Stryker Schultz; 5 - Pat Stern; 8 - Hannah Strong; 9 - Abigail Kester; 11 - Lois Sechler; 12 - Tim Maloney; 12 - Alexandra Ruddock; 14 - John DeHeus; 14 - Linda Librizzi; 14 - Fay Riggs; 17 - Bill Potter; **22 - Joy Benito; 23 - Heidi Johnson; 26 - Jessica McKelvey; 26 - Alexander Duncan; 26 - Nancy Kaye; 26 - Joshua Quick; 27 - Max Borghard; 27 - Riley Krubski**

8. The Prayer List:

Let us surround our loved ones and friends with the blessed power of prayer: • Let us pray for good health and a quick recovery from surgery for **Dr. Tracey Lee**; (4/18/2019) • Let us pray for **Kay Foster** and her family, for good health for her, her children, and her Mother and Sister; • Let us pray for **Rich Specht** and his family in the passing of Rich's beloved Dad; • Please pray for **Gail DeHeus** for good health and speedy recovery from eye surgery; (4/9/2019) • Let us be in prayer for **Judith Bowen and her family**, in the passing of her daughter Jill's husband, Geoff Partridge; (4/9/2019) • 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 **Paul Matyas**, for healing and strength of spirit; (11/16/2018) • For Joy Carter's sister **Sharon**, who is recovering from a serious health challenge; (11/2/2018) • For **Chad Barr and his family**, for strength and resolution (from Candida); (11/1/2018) • For Pastor Tony's **friend**, a brave young man, who is currently incarcerated, and soon to be released; (10/19/2018) • 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 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)