

Montgomery United Methodist Church
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www.WelcomeChurch.net - *The Rev. Dr. Anthony J. Godlefski, Senior Pastor*
The Weekly Reminder – May 26th, 2019

Greetings from the Pastor

Dear Friend in Christ,

My Uncle Joe was my mother's brother. I have not had the privilege of knowing him personally. All I know of him is that my mother loved him dearly. The one picture I ever saw of him shows a man with wavy blond hair and a happy engaging smile. He is in the midst of a family portrait, and he is holding his beloved accordion. He is one of the family's musicians. I think we would have gotten along very well.

My Uncle Joe came to America in the midst of the 2nd World War; he was in his late 30's. He spoke little English. Not long after he became an American citizen, he was drafted into the U.S. Army as a Private First Class. In the midst of the fury of the 2nd World War, he gave his life for his newly adopted country.

It is a good thing that we celebrate Memorial Day. Let us take just a moment to remember that freedom isn't free. There were so many like my Uncle Joe who paid dearly so that we might live in this great country. Let us always remember this amazing privilege we have to live in this great land. Let us pause for a moment so that we do not forget the great heroes that made America possible for us. We bless their sacred memory. I look forward to remembering them with you in Church this Sunday. See you there.

God bless you always - and God bless America.

Your friend, *Pastor Tony*

2. Board of Trustees (BOT) Corner

The Board of Trustees (BOT) for our Church is entrusted to care for our facility. Our goal is to educate the congregation on our needs and to supervise the funding of maintenance and upgrades as needed. Anything from the repair of a light switch to the recent installation of our stained glass window are items for the BOT to oversee. Since our Church is an aging facility the needs are an ongoing effort. We hope to bring attention to the Church's needs through this weekly message and encourage all to help in our efforts. The BOT items are only paid for through designated funds so if you wish to make a donation to the BOT account, please indicate so on your check or online giving. Rest assured your donations will help to maintain and beautify our lovely Church!

3. 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!

4. Paper Directory

It's time to update our Church Directory of Family and Friends! We hope to publish this new directory at Pentecost, June 9th, 2019. 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!

5. Workshop for Musicians of All Ages - The "Performer's Café"

I'm thinking about trying this new opportunity in our Church. Part of praising the Lord is expression through music that He has put in our hearts. I am particularly moved to want to encourage adult music students (beginning and onward) as well as musicians of all ages. I am considering offering an opportunity which I call "Performer's Café". It could meet once a month for an hour. Everyone, at every stage of musical experience would have the chance to perform in a non-judgmental, non-critical, friendly atmosphere. The purpose would be to give you a chance to perform and thereby increase your confidence and skill in expressing your God-given talent. What do you think? Let me know if the idea appeals to you. I would emcee the sessions and be the "coach". Encouraging listeners are also welcome to sign up. **There is a sign up sheet on the bulletin board and we anticipate a September start date.**

Blessings, *Pastor Tony*

6. 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

7. 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.

8. Happy Birthday to You!

May - 4 - Jackie O'Dell; 8 - Laura Boger; 7 - Dan Moses; 8 - Christina Strong; 10 - Kristen Paul; 11 - Kristin Lawrence; 12 - Kathy Maloney; 14 - John Moses; 15 - Gil Bougher; 20 - Carolyn Callan; 20 - Richard Ulivella; 20 - Matthew Roth †; 22 - Dylan Boger; 22 - Tommy Kester; 24 - Jeff Fanok Sr.; 25 - Joshua Snyder

June - 3 Steven Fantozzi; 3 Kurt & Kyra Fleischer; 5 Margaret Daggett; 5 Bob Wilder; 5 Diane Lefebvre; 6 Ramon Rodriguez; 9 Rudolph Kircher; 11 Cindy Bartlett; 13 Sherree Pecci; 15 Steve Scott; 16 Tracy Ann Lee; 18 Sue Wilder; 18 Cynthia Cooper; 20 Diane Ruddock; 20 Lynne Faille; 21 Courtney Eldridge; 22 Mr. & Mrs. Jim & Mandy Holanda ☺; 23 Mr. & Mrs. Robert & Sue Wilder ☺; 23 Mrs. Judith Scheide; 24 Sydney Sapienza; 28 Christina Benito; 30 Judith Bowen

9. The Prayer List:

Let us surround our loved ones and friends with the blessed power of prayer: • 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) • For **Glenn Long**, as he recovers from surgery; (5/1/2019) • 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 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)