

Montgomery United Methodist Church
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The Weekly Reminder – April 15th, 2018

Greetings from the Pastor

Dear Friend in Christ,

If I had preached a few weeks ago and shared the idea that soon the barren, cold, windy world around us would change, it might have been a little hard to believe.

It might have been a little hard to believe if I said that the cold, hard, barren earth around us would suddenly burst forth with yellow-green sprouts, light yellow daffodils and bright yellow forsythia. But, here's the good news, it has! And here is more good news - there is much more to come!

In our Easter Sermon Series, we've been thinking about "Easter Power". It is the enormous power of God that transforms our lives from hopeless to hopeful, from despair to possibility. On our part, it all begins with faith. Faith that the crisis we face is not the end of the road - but merely a bend in the road - with God's help.

Join us again this Sunday as we explore the next idea in our "Easter Power" Series. I look forward to seeing you in Church. Happy Spring to you, my Friend!

Prayerfully yours, *Pastor Tony*

P.S.: If you can't be in Church in person, I encourage you to listen to either of the services by going to our website - www.WelcomeChurch.net - and click on "Live Audio Broadcast". I am told that it is the next best thing to being there!

P.P.S.: Have you made the "Discovery" yet? I refer to our "Discovery Bible Study". No materials or prior knowledge necessary - just a desire to learn and draw nearer to the love and comfort of God. Every Sunday morning at 9:45 - 10:15 AM, in a room near the Banquet Hall. You're invited!

2. WHEN IN DOUBT - CHECK THE WEBSITE!

Is the meeting on for tonight? Are we "snowed out" this Sunday? When in doubt, check the website! We now have a way of placing a banner on the homepage with emergency announcements. When in doubt check the website!

3. Update to MUMC Prayer List - Mike Behn

A note from Kay Behn: "We would like to thank everyone who prayer for our (now) 37 year old son, Mike Behn, who was so sick two years ago in New Jersey. He moved back to Las Vegas to be with us about a year ago and unfortunately has separated from his wife and young son. But as of two weeks ago and after two long years HE NO LONGER NEEDS DIALYSIS!! Praise God and thank you for your prayers."

Kay's entire printed message can be found on the bulletin board.

4. The Springtime Organ Recital is Coming!

Please mark your calendar! We will be celebrating our Springtime Organ Recital on the first Sunday in May at 4:30 PM. The recital will feature the artistry of two great talents: Mr. Shea Velloso will be playing the organ and our own Dr. Laura Bell will join him in piano-organ duets. The program is entitled "Barnstormers and Crowd Pleasers" and will include exciting music for organ and piano. Details to follow. Please hold the date!

5. An Invitation to Membership

If you have experienced the blessing and love of this congregation and would like to become part of this Church family, we warmly invite you to consider becoming a member of this Church. The Pastor will assist you with any questions you may have. Just let him know of your interest. Thank you and God bless you.

6. Confirmation is Coming

Confirmation is a learning process and special Church ceremony wherein young people affirm and celebrate their personal faith in God. This faith, which was affirmed for them by their parents and Godparents at their Baptism is "confirmed" by these young people for themselves at Confirmation. It is a joyous step in our journey of faith. Please indicate your interest on the sign up sheet on the bulletin board.

7. The Rummage Sale is Coming!

Our UMW Spring Rummage Sale will take place this year on Friday, May 4th and Saturday, May 5th, 2018 and preparation will start on April 29th. Liberate your real estate! Let's start setting things aside for the Rummage Sale. Donations are cheerfully accepted from 1:00 PM Sunday, April 29th through Wednesday, May 2nd until 8:00 PM. More details on the website <WelcomeChurch.net>.

8. Our Special Offering

Your gift toward our Special Offering will help our Church with its mission responsibilities. Thank you so much for your generosity. You may now make your contribution to our Church online (see below)! Thank you, and God bless you.

9. Online Giving is Now Available!

You may now make your contribution to our Church **online!** Simply go to our website <Welcome Church.net> and click on "Donate". Thank you and Happy Spring.

10. MUMC "BIG Days"

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

May 4th/5th:	Spring Rummage Sale
May 6th:	Organ Recital - Shea Velloso & Dr. Laura Bell @ 4:30 PM - <i>"Pipe Organ Barnstormers"</i>
May 20th:	Pentecost

11. 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; 26 - Jessica McKelvey; 26 - Alexander Duncan; 26 - Nancy Kaye; 26 - Joshua Quick; 27 - Max Borghard; 27 - Riley Krubski

12. The Prayer List: Names may be added by writing 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: • 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 pray for the family of **Mr. Amadu N'doeka, Sr.**, who passed away recently after battling a difficult illness. His funeral will be in Sri Leone, Africa on April 6th, 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**, Dr. Robert and Candida Marques-Harman's daughter, for a full recovery; • For **Josephine Marsch**, mother of Denise Ruppert, who has ongoing medical issues and is now in rehab; (10/26/2017) • Please keep **Pat Stern** in your prayers, for full healing; • For the people of **Puerto Rico**, that the 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 **Alexa Vasquez**, recovering from a serious thrombosis in her leg (Alexa is Candida and Dr. Robert Harman's daughter); (6/28/2017) • 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).