

Montgomery United Methodist Church
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www.WelcomeChurch.net - *The Rev. Dr. Anthony J. Godlefski, Senior Pastor*
The Weekly Reminder – June 17th, 2018

Greetings from the Pastor

Dear Friend in Christ,

I am wishing you a Happy Father's Day. The concept of fatherhood was on the mind of our Lord Jesus as He taught the disciples to pray. And I believe that His concept was shaped by the influence of His foster Father, Joseph. If anyone deserved the title of "Saint", it was Joseph! He was the one that guided Mary to Bethlehem. He was the one who protected Jesus from the rage of Herod. He was the one who taught Jesus the skills of carpentry. He provided, protected and cared about Mary and Jesus his whole life.

To you and to all everywhere who have been like a Father to you, I wish you a blessed and happy day. See you in Church.

Your friend in Christ, *Pastor Tony*

2. Unto Everlasting Life

Dear Friend in Christ, tomorrow June 16th, 2018 a memorial service will be held for our dear friend and member, Mr, Amadu N'doeka, Sr. who passed away a few weeks ago at his family home in Sierra Leone, Africa. The service will be held at 12 noon in our Sanctuary. All are warmly invited to attend.

3. Unto Everlasting Life - Deborah Sidorakis, 57

It is with great sadness that I share with you the news of the passing of Mrs. Deborah Sidorakis. She served as the Administrative Assistant to our District Superintendent. She was a resident of Point Pleasant, New Jersey. She passed away suddenly last weekend.

Debbie was a wonderful help and support to all the clergy of our region. She worked with us in a diligent, efficient, courteous, patient, and respectful manner. She is deeply missed. I invite your prayers for her family and everyone connected with the Greater New Jersey Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church.

4. Will You Be a Church Lawn Care Sponsor?

Lawn care is part of our Church's statement to the community. A neatly cut lawn says, "We care about our Church!" One cutting of our entire Church campus lawn can be done for just \$80.00. There are about 8 more cuttings to go this summer.

Won't you join the circle of families who sponsor one of our bi-weekly lawn cuttings? May's Lawn Care was sponsored by the DeHeus family, who also thought up this plan! Thank you, Gail and John! The sponsor of the week will be mentioned in this newsletter (unless you'd rather remain anonymous). Sign up on the "Count Me In" paper if you'd like to help out. Thank you so much!

5. Graduating? Let the Pastor Know

If someone in your family is graduating this Spring, please let Pastor Tony or Deb Ploe know. Whatever level of education you are celebrating, we want to recognize your graduate. Hit "reply" to this email, or tell the Pastor in Church this Sunday. There will be a special recognition for them.

6. The William H. Scheide Memorial Pipe Organ

Our Church has recently received a great blessing. MUMC has been chosen to be the recipient of the William H. Scheide Memorial Pipe Organ, an important historical instrument that was formerly in Dr. Scheide's home. We are looking forward to it being installed in a portion of the back balcony this Autumn. We are deeply honored to have received this gift. There are many more details and opportunities to follow!

7. Healing Prayers

The Pastor is available for a time of private prayer for healing - for you or someone you know - after the service each Sunday. He will be available after greeting the people at the conclusion of the services. Please let him know and wait for a few moments in the Sanctuary. He will be glad to offer prayers on your behalf at that time.

8. Our Special Offering

Your gift toward our Special Offering today 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. Happy Birthday to You!

June 2 - Deanna Miller; 3 - Steven Fantozzi; 3 - Kurt & Kyra Fleischer; 5 - Margaret Daggett; 5 - Diane Lefebvre; 6 - Richard Cunningham; 6 - Ramon Rodriguez; 9 - Rudolph Kircher; 11 - Cindy Bartlett; 13 - Sherree Pecci; 15 - Steve Scott; 16 - Tracy Ann Lee; **18 - Cynthia Cooper; 20 - Diane Ruddock; 20 - Lynne Faille; 21 - Courtney Eldridge; 24 - Sydney Sapienza; 28 - Christina Benito; 30 - Judith Bowen**

11. 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: • 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; • For the **grandchildren-to-be** of Karen and David Lawrence - for good health for all concerned; • Let us pray for **John Dismukes** who is recovering from a stroke. He is in Robert Wood Johnson Hospital; • 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 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) • 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 **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).