

**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** – February 10, 2019

**Greetings from the Pastor**  
**Black History Celebration**

Dear Friend in Christ,

During the month of February, we are celebrating Black History Month. I invite you to join me this coming Tuesday, February 12th, 2019 for a special event in celebration of this. Let's meet at the Montgomery Township Municipal Building on Route 206 for a special program entitled "If These Stones Could Talk". You may find out more online using this link: "<http://campaign.r20.constantcontact.com/render?m=1102077952746&ca=da8ffadf-e7f3-4511-87ec-fda9935aa9c0>". I think we will learn some amazing and interesting things about black history in our area. The event takes place in the courtroom on the ground level. I am looking forward to having a good experience together as we learn about this important part of our heritage.

See you there and see you in Church!

Your friend, *Pastor Tony*

**2. 2nd Annual Ladies Day - A Celebration of the Heart**

Women of all ages are invited to take part in this special event led by Charline Johnson and her daughter, Dana. The 2nd Annual Ladies Day will take place on Saturday February 16th from 9AM to 12 noon here at the Church. The day will feature a healthy breakfast, singing and music led by Pastor Tony, a meditation by Dana, chair yoga by the Princeton Fitness Center and other health promoting activities that will take place throughout the day. Please fill out the Count-Me-In paper in this week's bulletin.

**3. Pastor Awarded Continuing Education Certificate**

As part of his continuing education project in the practice of healing prayer, Pastor Tony has been awarded a Level 3 Master Reiki Practitioner Certificate. Reiki is an ancient Chinese healing art, and this will be an extension of his pursuit of the practice of Christian healing prayer.

**4. This Week's Marquis**

This week's marquis is a slogan by Dr. John Dismukes, a member of our congregation who passed away recently. "To be grateful is to be great. To belittle is to be little." Dr. John Dismukes loved to quote and live by these words.

**5. Unto Everlasting Life: Dr. John Dismukes**

Dear Friend in Christ,

It is with sadness that I share with you the news of the passing of one of our Church members, Dr. John Dismukes. John passed away on the morning of January 30th, 2019, after a lingering illness. A private ceremony of blessing and remembrance was held for immediate family members. The family plans a public memorial service later in the spring. Cards and notes and expressions of sympathy may be sent to his widow: Dr. Joan Dismukes, 7123 US Highway #206, Skillman, NJ 08558.

Dr. John loved the Lord deeply, and though a distinguished scientist, always held firmly to the basics of his Christian belief. One of Dr. John's favorite sayings was, "To be grateful is to be great; to belittle is to be little."

Let us surround Joan and her family with our love and prayers.

Blessings always, *Pastor Tony*

**6. First Impressions 2019 Additions**

Here are a few additions to our congregation's reactions to the "Good Shepherd" window:

Steve Heckel: So gorgeous! The intensity of the colors, even on a cloudy day, makes it come alive!

Riley Krubski: My mouth dropped when I saw it. So beautiful. The lambs are adorable.

Lee Krubski: Wow! Amazing!

George Krubski: It looks like it should have always been here.

Nicole & George Krubski: A beautiful image presented in a marvelous palate of colors. We love how the sun reflects the colors on the wall around it.

Paul M. Johnson: The new stained-glass window looks amazing - a real beacon of light. It catches your eye and truly brightens up the sanctuary.

If you would like to document your reaction to the new stained-glass window, you can do so by using the beige colored comment cards in the pew seat pockets. Copies of the first list are available at the Usher's table. Thank you!

**7. Did You Know...**

If you can't come to Church on a given Sunday morning, did you know that you can listen to the service live over our "Live Audio Broadcast (LAB)"? Just go to our website [www.WelcomeChurch.net](http://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".

## 8. Just in Case...

In the highly unlikely event that it might become necessary to cancel Church services due to inclement weather, please go to our website, [www.WelcomeChurch.net](http://www.WelcomeChurch.net) to check on the status of things. By 7 AM, I'll post a note on the website if Church needs to be cancelled. When in doubt about the weather, please check the website before venturing out. In any case, always use good judgment. Safety first!

## 9. Thank You Daily Word Readers!

We want to thank all of our youth and young adults who have helped our Church family in worship and prayerful meditation by reading a message from The Daily Word magazine. We are inspired by your presence and your help in our worship services.

God bless our Dear Readers for the 4th quarter of 2018:

Ethan Daniels, Heidi Johnson, Riley Krubski, Christian Mayer, Amadu N'Doeka, Sophia Sapienza, Stryker Schultz, and Josh Snyder.

We invite all of our past readers and any of our youth or young adults who want to help in this ministry to please sign up on our bulletin board for the 1st quarter of 2019!

## 10. Upcoming Events

- **Saturday, February 16th, 2019** - 2nd Annual Ladies Day 9 AM to 12 noon
- **Sunday, February 17th, 2019** - Scout Sunday
- **Sunday Evening, February 17th, 2019** - Game Night  
4PM - Games  
5PM - Covered Dish Supper
- **William H. Scheide Memorial Organ** - installation after Easter

## 11. Happy Birthday to You!

**February** - 2 - Kyle Maloney; 4 - Steve Heckel; 11 - **Joy Carter**; 11 - **Cynthia Conshue**; 12 - **Denise Roth**; 16 - **Frank Picone**; 17 - George Ladyman; 17 - Carlos Benito; 19 - Bryan Lawrence; 20 - David Musante; 22 - Matt Twomey; 23 - Millie Baker; 24 - John Pecci; 27 - Jill Frezza; 29 - Karen Lawrence

## 12. The Prayer List:

Let us surround our loved ones and friends with the blessed power of prayer: • Please keep Deb Ploe's brother, **Patrick** in your prayers for strength and continued healing; (2/8/2019) • For **Anthony Bottitta**, Hedy's husband who is undergoing a bladder cancer procedure on January 15th. Please also remember **Hedy Bottitta** in your prayers as she may face surgery for a torn rotator cuff; (01/10/2019) • Let us be in prayer for **Judith Bowen and her family**, for the safe return of a **family member**; (12/28/2018) • Please pray for the Librizzi family in the passing of **Anthony Librizzi**, beloved brother of Joe Librizzi, and brother-in-law of Linda; (12/13/2018) • Let us pray for the family of **Mollie Dyson**, beloved Mother of our District Superintendent, the Rev. Dr. Drew Dyson (12/13/2018) • Please pray for **Bill and Lora Tremayne** in the loss of their beloved grandson, **Brandon**. Bill and Lora are dear friends of Pastor Tony and members of the Piscataway Christ United Methodist Church; (12/7/2018) • Please pray for the family of **Jackie Deal Godwin**. **Jackie**, a long time friend of Pam Schechter, has gone to be with our Lord; (11/25/2018) • For all our **Friends in California**, for strength and good health through this time of devastating wildfires; (11/21/2018) • For **Michael Fitzpatrick**, for good health; (11/21/2018) • For **Jillian**, for courage, calmness, and strength; (11/21/2018) • 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 **Anna Burdette Cooper**, for healing in body and hope for the spirit (from Nancy Kuziola); (11/8/2018) • For Joy Carter's sister **Sharon**, who is going through a serious health challenge; (11/2/2018) • For **Chad Barr and his family**, for strength and resolution (from Candida); (11/1/2018) • For an **anonymous family** in our Church, that they may find resolution and peace of mind; (10/28/2018) • Please pray for The **Behn family** as they continue to grieve the passing of Mike Behn; (12/28/2018) • For Pastor Tony's **friend**, a brave young man, who is currently imprisoned; (10/19/2018) • Prayers for **Chuck Ploe**, Deb's brother, as he undergoes surgery on November 26th. Let us express gratitude and offer prayers for Deb's sister-in-law **Gail Ploe** whose eye surgery was a success - healing blessings for full recovery; (10/18/2018) • 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)*