

Montgomery United Methodist Church
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www.WelcomeChurch.net - *The Rev. Dr. Anthony J. Godlefski, Senior Pastor*
The Weekly Reminder – October 7th, 2018

Greetings from the Pastor

Dear Friend in Christ,

God is interested in your wellness! As people go through treatment for various health concerns, there is a thought I invite them to keep in mind: "God created our bodies to be radically inclined toward good health."

Everyday, our bodies go through healing processes. These processes are remarkably complex and subtle. Healing takes place on levels that we are not asked to understand - yet, God makes it happen. Health providers - doctors, nurses, technicians and counselors, to name a few - all promote God's healing energy. We can help this process by being open to God's positive healing power.

Whatever you or your loved ones may be facing this day, let us clearly and gently hold this thought in mind - "God wants us to be well! I let God's positive healing energy fill me today."

I look forward to our Sunday morning experience together. Let us worship the Lord and be open to His healing blessing! See you in Church!

Your friend, *Pastor Tony*

2. Holy Communion This Sunday

Please join us for our service of worship this Sunday. We will be celebrating the sacrament of Holy Communion together with Christians all around the world as we commemorate World Communion Sunday.

3. Daily Word Reading

We are adding a new element to our worship service this morning: a reading from The Daily Word magazine. This item is brought to us by the youth of our Church. Any one of school age is encouraged to read The Daily Word for us (grammar school through college/grad school). Please sign up to read on the bulletin board in the café.

Daily Word magazines are available in the Reading Corner. The reader may select any selection they prefer (you are not limited to the reading of the day, though you may use it). Sign up today if you would like to have a chance to read. Directions are near the sign up sheet.

4. Live Audio Broadcast (LAB) News

In an effort to improve the quality and especially the reliability of our LAB, we have recently invested in new equipment as well as a protective back up system for our Sunday service transmissions.

We are diligently attempting to eliminate interruptions in our broadcast as much as possible for our online congregation.

Still, "glitches" may happen. If the signal is dropped while you are listening to our service, please try logging on to the site <WelcomeChurch.net> and the LAB link again. Although we hope this won't happen, if you do lose the signal and the reboot doesn't help, please write to me at PastorTony@MontgomeryUMC.org and we will do our best to try and fix it. Thank you for your patience and your faithfulness.

5. Handbell Choir Is Fun!

We are welcoming new Hand Bell Ringers. No experience needed - come give handbells a try - we are willing to train! Rehearsals are Wednesday evenings from 7:15-8:30 PM. Please consider giving it a try for a month or two. There is a sign up in Friendship Hall. See Dr. Bell for more information.

Thanks from: *The Hand Bell Choir Team.*

6. From Dr. Bell - Calling All Children Grades K-8

MUMC Children's Choir will resume rehearsals on Sunday September 9th, 2018. We have lots of NEW fun songs to learn and sing. Rehearsals are every week from around 12:10-12:30 PM, after Church, in the sanctuary. Come when you can and we will sing for the congregation as soon as we are ready! No pressure, we just have lots of fun singing songs about God, Love, and the Stories of Jesus.

7. Crop Hunger Walk - October 14th, 2018

From the Missions' Team: The South Somerset Crop Hunger Walk begins Sunday, October 14th, 2018, at the Blawenburg Reformed Church, 424 County Road #518. Registration begins 1:30 PM and the walk begins at 2 PM. You are invited to come and walk with us and 11 other participating churches & high school interact groups. If you cannot walk you can consider sponsoring a walker. Bring a jar of peanut butter. Twenty-five percent of monies raised will go towards our local food pantries. For more information, stop by our table & pick up a registration form. Thank you. *Brian & Elaine Mallett* (908) 392-1689.

8. Communion Offering Envelope

The gifts in this morning's Communion Offering Envelope will be used toward the most pressing needs of our Church. Thank you and God bless.

9. Discovery Bible Sunday

The Discovery Bible Study is held in the Library from 9:45-10:15 AM on Sundays. All are welcome to come! We read the scripture, share our insights, direction and end with prayer. All material will be provided. Thank you, *Brian & Elaine Mallett*

10. The Fall Rummage Sale Is Coming! October 19th – 20th, 2018

The Church UMW Fall Rummage Sale is almost here! Our Rummage Sale benefits mission efforts for women and children worldwide, and helps our local Church as well. More details on the website <WelcomeChurch.net>. Here is the schedule:

- **Saturday, 10/13 @ 9-10 AM:** Move shelving/racks from furnace room and place in Friendship Hall. *We need lots of men and muscle!*
- **Sunday, 10/14 - after services:** Coffee Hour in the Sunday Café (Nystrom Hallway, outside the Sanctuary).
- **Sunday following the Coffee Hour @ 12:15 PM: Official Rummage Sale set-up.** Organize all tables and shelves into all rooms. Boy Scouts will provide needed help. *Sunday after Coffee Hour is when big time help is needed.*
- **Sunday, 10/14 - donations are accepted beginning @ 1 PM through Wednesday, 10/17 @ 7 PM:** *Please note: NO heavy items or big furniture please! There will also be a list on the door of items we cannot accept.*
- **Friday, 10/19 @ 9 AM – 7 PM: Opening day! Volunteers needed!**
- **Saturday, 10/20 from 9 AM to 12 PM: Bag Day / 12 PM to 3 PM: Clean up.**

Rummage Sale Guidelines: Always Appreciated: • Household and kitchen items • gently used, clean clothing • games, puzzles and toys • dishes • small appliances • small furniture pieces (easily moveable by one person) • tools • books (and many other things!).

Some Items We Cannot Accept (Sorry!): • Broken items • Christmas trees • computers • cribs • curtain rods • encyclopedias • large furniture • large microwaves • mattresses • bed pillows • sofas • stuffed animals • textbooks • magazines • tires • televisions.

11. Bake Sale – Help Raise Funds for Our Church

Calling all bakers and helpers! We are looking for anyone who is part of our Church family – adults & teens - who are willing to manage or are able to participate in our Bake Sale. The sale will be held during the Fall Rummage Sale on October 19th & 20th, 2018 starting at 9 AM. The funds will be used toward the most pressing needs of our Church. Please see the Count-Me-In paper in the bulletin or contact Barbara Ewick at (732) 735-5887 / email: tufitis@comcast.net. Thank you for supporting your Church!

12. Songs of Inspiration - A Benefit Concert for The American Cancer Society

Please join us and help raise money for the **American Cancer Society** on Sunday October 21st, 2018 at a concert from 7 PM to 9 PM at **Montgomery United Methodist Church** 117 Sunset Road, Belle Mead, NJ. Come enjoy a free spaghetti dinner (6 PM-6:50 PM) and then be inspired by some of the brightest young talent from the world of community theater and beyond; they'll be singing pop songs and show tunes that have inspired them. Free will donations to the American Cancer Society are gladly accepted. For more info see our flier on the bulletin board. If you have questions, please contact Frank Picone at (732) 598-2062.

13. Happy Birthday to You!

October - 2 - Matthew Snowdon; 2 - Samantha Dandy; 2 - Alyssa Reiman; 3 - Stacy Ladyman; 7 - Tammy Quick; 8 - Sean Ridder; 11 - Laurie Scott; 12 - Melissa Miller; 12 - Betty Ruppert; 14 - Ruth Gunsel; 15 - Kieran Hamrah; 15 - Sebastian Cruz; 16 - Joseph Librizzi; 17 - Barbara Ewick; 18 - Jeff Blakemore; 18 - Colleen Ridder; 19 - David Ruddock; 20 - Brian Thompson; 21 - Connie Gray; 21 - Brian Mallett; 22 - Kaye Foster Cheek; 27 - Bette Gonella; 27 - Makayla Judith Mae Varela ; 28 - Sandra Bjornsen; 28 - Steve Cooper; 31 - Ben Dubberly

14. The Prayer List: Guidelines: 1.) Names will remain on the Prayer List for 30 days. 2.) 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.

Let us surround our loved ones and friends with the blessed power of prayer: • Please keep in your prayers **Franny Neville**, a friend of Steve Heckel, who is grieving the loss of her sister, Helena (Honey) Hurley, who passed away on October 5th in Cuppertino, CA. Honey was like a second mother to Franny; (10/5/2018) • Let us keep **Sue Wilder** and her family in our prayers. Her sister-in-law, **Beth** passed away recently; (09/28/2018) • Please keep **Mike Behn** in your prayers for the reduction of his pain; (9/20/2018) • Please send prayers of thankfulness for Deb Ploe's brother **Patrick's** recent progress report, along with continued prayers for strength and full healing as his treatment continues; (9/14/2018) • Prayers for Deb's sister-in-law **Gail Ploe** as she undergoes eye surgery on September 25th; (9/14/2018) Let us pray for **June Foster**, Kaye Foster's sister, who is having surgery on September 19th, 2018; (9/14/2018) • Please continue to pray for **Kaye Foster**, as she recovers from surgery; • Please keep **Jean Ammirata** and her daughter, **Stephanie Sayers** in your prayers, for the sudden loss of Jean's son-in-law and Stephanie's husband, **Alfred Gilliam**; • Let us pray for **Connie Gray**, who is recovering from recent surgery; • Please pray for David and Karen Lawrence's grandchildren, **Olivia, Hayley and Thomas Antonucci, Jr.**, who were born recently in July. All are doing amazingly well, (answered prayers!) but they were two months early, so please keep them in your prayers for ongoing health and development; • Prayers for **Robert Kurtz**, Orsola Burnette's husband, who is dealing with significant medical challenges.

"Hold me in your prayers, Friend, hold me in your prayers; half the power of praying is knowing someone cares." (Marcus Bach)