

Montgomery United Methodist Church
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www.WelcomeChurch.net - *The Rev. Dr. Anthony J. Godlefski, Senior Pastor*
The Weekly Reminder – July 21st, 2019

Greetings from the Pastor

Next Sunday, July 28th, through Sunday, September 8th, 2019: One Service of Worship at 9:30 AM.

Dear Friend in Christ,

I am pleased to share with you that a decision has been reached by our Administrative Council. We will officially go to one service of worship next week, July 28th at 9:30 AM.

I think it's interesting to note that the decision was made with your encouraging input through the survey. It is rare that decisions are made unanimously! However, all of the surveys that were turned in or emailed suggested a preference for Option A (one service), with several indicating Option C (that one service or two was okay). There seems to be considerable enthusiasm for the one service idea this summer. The more we talk about it, the more positive attributes there seem to be.

And so, this Sunday, July 21st, there will be two services at the usual times - 8:45 AM and 10:30 AM. Starting next Sunday, July 28th, we will praise the Lord together at one service at 9:30 AM.

Thank you for your timely attention to this survey, and enthusiastic sharing of your thoughts. I have a feeling that this change will bring blessings with it as we praise the Lord together. I look forward to seeing you in Church!

Your friend in Christ, *Pastor Tony*

P.S. I look forward to sharing the sacrament of Holy Communion with you on July 28th.

2. A Special Request From a Member of our Church Family

A young man, who is a member of the Montgomery United Methodist Church family, is looking for an entry-level career opportunity in the field of Data Management.

For the last three years, he was employed as a Database Administrator at Educational Testing Services (E.T.S.) in Princeton, New Jersey. During this time, he was asked to take on positions of increasing responsibilities while working in three different departments. His strengths include maneuvering in and out of internal and external databases and importing/exporting large quantities of data. In addition, he has experience formatting data with the capability of drawing conclusions based on the information provided.

If you have any ideas for this young man, please reach out to Pastor Tony at PastorTony@MontgomeryUMC.org or call him at (908) 295-2252.

3. The New Organ Installation Has Begun!

The installation of the William H. Scheide Memorial Pipe Organ began at 9 AM on Monday, July 8th, 2019. The skillful crew of the Organ Clearing House has been working intensely to out the organ together, after this year of rebuilding and modernization. The organ was the personal instrument of Dr. William H. Scheide. His widow, Mrs. Judith Scheide, had graciously decided to give the organ to our Church along with funding the cost of moving, rebuilding, installation and maintenance. It will fit perfectly in our West Gallery (back balcony). It is especially suited to the music of J.S. Bach and the composers of the classical era. The builder's work is complete for the moment; they will return with the pipes in the fall. We look forward to the organ being playable in the fall.

4. Would You Like to Lead the Pastoral Prayer?

We'd like to give people the opportunity to say the Pastoral Prayer during the service. The Pastoral Prayer takes place right before we say the Lord's Prayer on all Sundays except Holy Communion Sunday. There will be a sign up sheet on the bulletin board in the Café. See Pastor Tony if you have any questions.

5. **The Landscaping Club is Underway!**

We are delighted that so many families have stepped up to be a part of our Landscaping Club. We are on our way to a neat landscaped campus through the summer! Our Landscaping Club Members include: Joan and David Musante, John and Gail DeHeus, Diane and David Ruddock, Riley, Nicole, and George Krubski, Karen and David Lawrence, Hedy Bottitta, Gil Bougher, Steve Heckel, and Sally Pillar. Thank you, and God bless you!

6. **Handbell Choir Rehearsal Resumes in the Fall**

Handbell Choir rehearsals will start again on September 11th, 2019 under the direction of our new Director, Kelly Ye (pronounced "Yeh"). See you in September!

7. **Chapel of Peace**

We plan to have the Live Stream Broadcast be available on Saturday evenings and through the night. If you'd like to have a quiet time of prayer at your computer screen, tune into the Live Stream Broadcast @ www.WelcomeChurch.net and enjoy the peace of our sanctuary on Saturday nights. This feature will take place on Saturday, July 20th and Saturday, July 27th. After the summer weeks, it will resume again on Saturday, September 7th.

8. **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!

9. **Birthday List Update**

In addition to our Church Directory of Family and Friends, we also have a Birthday List that may need updating. Please check it out (on the Missions bulletin board) and update if necessary or add your name if you don't see it there. Thank you!

10. **Happy Birthday to You!**

July - 1 Orsola Burnette; 1 Natalie Quick; 3 Sherri McKelvey; 4 Dina Pecci; 8 Shawn Carter; 9 Kathy Johnson-Brown; 10 Arlene Duncan; 11 Jon Ryan Fitzpatrick; 12 Glenn Long; 14 Alyssa O'Dell; 14 Mark Faille; 14 Nicole Krubski; 15 Lillian Chance; 16 Jeff Fanok, Jr.; 16 Greg Mallett; 18 Nancy Moses; 19 Jill Turanski; 20 Debbie Ridder; **21 Penny Vogt; 22 Kolbe Schultz; 24 Lee Krubski; 25 Trey Ladyman; 27 Jennifer Ochs; 29 Jonathan DeHeus; 29 Dr. Laura Bell; 30 Pastor Tony; 31 Hannah Steele**

11. **The Prayer List:**

Let us surround our loved ones and friends with the blessed power of prayer: • Please keep **Rev. Wayne Richards** in your prayers - he is recovering from a fall; (7/18/2019) • Please pray for a successful surgery and complete healing for Dr. Bell's **Uncle Gerald Smith**, who is dealing with a health challenge; (7/17/2019) • For **Dr. Bill Schnaper**, college roommate of Steve Heckel, suffering from a significant health challenge. Please pray for healing and recovery; (7/11/2019) • Let us pray for the **family of Deb Ploe** as they grieve the passing of "Nanny", Bailey Margaret's Great-Grandmother, on June 30th, 2019; (7/2/2019) • Please pray for Cathy Johnson-Brown's brother **Bill Johnson**, for healing; (6/25/2019) • For **Ashley Snyder**, for healing (6/13/2019); • Please pray for the **families who lost a loved one** in the Virginia Beach municipal building shooting, requested by Cathy Twomey, who resides in Virginia Beach; (6/8/2019) • **John Moretto**, Sam Sapienza's cousin, for strength and good health; (5/28/2019) • 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) • Let us pray for **Kay Foster** and her family, for good health for her, her children, and her Mother and Sister; • 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 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)