

Montrose Messenger

Newsletter for Montrose United Methodist Church

2023 April Volume 4



*He is not here;
for He is Risen*

Matthew 28:6

Pastor's Column

"Whoever doesn't carry their own cross and follow me cannot be my disciple."

- Luke 14:27

Recently I found an article on NPR (National Public Radio) talking about Pam "Twoyah" James-Sinix's traumatic experience of boarding schools.



Pam was only eight years old when she was put into a Native American boarding school. After her mother was in a bad car accident, Pam and her brothers and sisters were sent

to separate boarding schools. It was at the catholic boarding school that Pam's identity was stolen from her through simple but hurtful acts. Firstly, they cut her hair into a bowl cut. Pam was taught by her father that her hair is important. They are taught that their hair carries their ancestors, their history, and their future. That was just the beginning. They abused her in many different ways and taught her to be ashamed of her Native American heritage. These boarding schools existed to erase Native American culture from existence. It's still an issue that isn't widely known in our nation.

Today's scripture, we're reminded that only those who suffer and follow Jesus can be called a disciple. Those who suffer are certainly those who are considered the lowly. Look at what we've talked about this Lenten season. Who are the people who suffered? Who were the people who weren't suffering? We see that Jesus heals and brings hope to the suffering while admonishing those in power who only ignore the suffering and hurt around them. Carrying your cross doesn't mean that we have to abuse ourselves in order for Jesus to be happy with us.

Carrying your cross means being able to humble ourselves and identify with those who suffer.



Later in April we will be celebrating Native American Ministries Sunday. If anyone can be called the lowly, then certainly Native Americans fit that description. They've faced oppression when they lost their land and almost lost their identity due to boarding schools. They still continue to fight against the oppressive forces that try to take what little land they still have. They still continue to fight the evil forces that attempt to rob them of their culture. They still continue to fight to get the recognition of the murdered and missing indigenous women.

In order to fulfill Jesus' example, we need to take up our cross and follow him. We need to identify with the lowly. We can identify with the lowly by starting to understand the suffering of others. We can identify with the lowly by learning how to be better allies to those who suffer. As the good book says, whatever you do for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you do for me.

*Truly, I tell you,
whatever you did for one of
the least of these
brothers and sisters of mine,
you did for me.*
~MATTHEW 25:40

Blessings!
Pastor Mark Schlasner
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Palm Sunday
April 2, 2023
Worship Service 10:30 am

Good Friday
April 7, 2023
Worship Service 7:30 pm

Easter Sunday
April 9, 2023
Breakfast 9:30 am - 10:15 am
And 11:30 am - Noon
Worship Service 10:30 am

April Worship Theme

Sunday, April 2, 2023
PALM SUNDAY & COMMUNION

Communion Steward: Carol Prestidge
"Crucified with the Outlaws"
Scripture: Luke 23:32-49

Friday, April 7, 2023
GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE 7:30 pm
Scripture: John 19:1-7

Sunday, April 9, 2023
EASTER SUNDAY
"The Crucified and Resurrected Life"
Scripture: Luke 24:1-35

Come Early for Easter Breakfast
****9:30 am****

Sunday, April 16, 2023
Guest Speaker
(Message to be Announced)
Scripture: I Peter 1:3-9

Sunday, April 23, 2023
NATIVE AMERICAN MINISTRIES SUNDAY
Scripture: Acts 2:14a, 36-41

Sunday, April 30, 2023
"4 Roadblocks to Deep Discipleship"
Scripture: Luke 10:38-42



*The Chancel Choir is hosting
an Easter Breakfast on
Easter Sunday, April 9th
9:30 am to 10:15 am
and after Worship Service
11:30 am to Noon.
French Toast Bakes, Egg Bakes,
Sausage, Muffins, Fruit, Milk, Juice
and Coffee.*

*~ FREE WILL OFFERING ~
Going towards the
Music Ministry at
Montrose UMC*



PRAYERS

There were two Sundays that I did not get any Joys & Concerns, as I wasn't at church.

- Carol Prestidge requested prayers for Clayton Prestidge, for recovery from hernia surgery and patience while healing.
- Prayers were lifted for folks traveling for vacation, business and Spring Break!
- Prayers for people suffering with mental health issues.
- Prayers were lifted for the victims of the devastating tornadoes in the south.
- Prayers for folks in California and the west coast, impacted by record snowfall, heavy rains and flooding.
- Prayers for the families and the community of Nashville, TN after another school shooting; killing 3 nine-year-old children and 3 adults.

Save the Date

Ernie & Jason Couch return to Montrose UMC for another great evening of fun entertainment! Tell your family, friends, Neighbors... EVERYONE!

(See for sign-up sheet if you would like to donate a pie or help at the Pie Social.)

IN CONCERT



Montrose UMC
 Friday, April 28th, 2023
 7 pm - Concert
 8 pm - Pie & Ice Cream Social
 Free will offering



Sunday School Update!

We've wrapped up our "egg-citing" Easter unit where we did science experiments with eggs and had some "egg-stra" cool chicks teach us valuable lessons on the Easter Story and some "bad eggs" Jesus had to put up with on his way to the cross to save us from our sins. He really was one "egg-straordinary" guy! (HA, I "crack" myself up). Okay, okay... enough about the eggs, time to move on!

In April, we'll start the month out going to **Feed My Starving Children on Sat., April 1st 11:30 am - 1:30 pm** to help pack Manna Meals to help feed families all over the world as part of our Spring Mission Project. This is always a really fun time and I hope each of the kids can join us! And remember, we are collecting food for the Waverly Food Shelf through Easter Sunday.

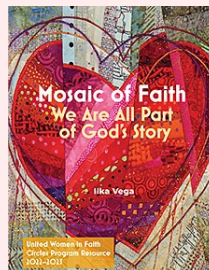
On Sunday, April 2nd, we will move onto **"Palm Sunday MINUTE TO WIN IT"**. I mean what perfect timing! The Sunday School class will have Easter Sunday off. This is time to be with your family, but by all means, I hope you include your church family in that and join us at church on Easter Sunday! I'll be ushering that day and would love some of the Sunday School kids to help me out with that (it's super easy).

When we resume Sunday School on April 16th we will start our **"DISCIPLE ME"** unit where we'll learn about serving Jesus faithfully. Who doesn't love those little Minions from Despicable Me (did you catch that?). They're goofy, funny & faithfully working to carry out whatever the next mission is that Gru has for them. God wants us to be just as dedicated to Him and work just as faithfully to change our world for good.

God Bless.
Angie, Jane and Kim



Montrose UMC
 United Women of Faith
 Hannah Circle
Meeting Monday, April 17th
7 pm in the Library



We start with a short devotion program, from our program book or The Upper Room Devotional book, then move to a short meeting. We need to discuss and decide on a monthly meeting date/time that works for most, then look ahead to 2023 and plan out any events & missions!

We hope you'll join us!

Have questions or suggestions? Please contact us at: montrosemnumw@gmail.com

FE-ED UPDATE



FE-ED

SNAP's drastic reduction spurred FE-ED to dramatically increase the number of boxes we prepared for March. It was a good decision. We served 551 individuals!

The day was chilly but the volunteers did a fantastic job of counting items, loading boxes, and delivering the food to the people waiting in line, and the line was long. This was the largest food distribution we've had! There was an abundance of fresh produce and food! Asparagus, carrots, yams, apples, onions, cereal, breads, orange juice, milk and more! With federal funds so drastically cut now, FE-ED did decide to increase number of boxes being packed & distributed to 185. It was a good decision looking at the statistics below!

FE-ED will recognize it's volunteers at the next food drop, Tuesday, April 25th!

WE LOVE
OUR VOLUNTEERS

Our community contributed a lot of extras:

- 32 large boxes of bread from Waverly Food Shelf.
- 240 Lbs. of meat, 154 Lbs. of Granola from the Buffalo Food Shelf.

March Statistics:

- 8,414 pounds of food from SHH
- Families served 211
- Individuals served 551
- New Visitors 7
- Veterans served 40
- Communities served 18

March was food share month, but people need food all year long. Please consider making a contribution to any of the following organizations to help support feeding our neighbors:

- FE-ED
https://foreachand everyday@gmail.com
(Checks to FE-ED can be put in offering plate at MUMC.)



- Second Harvest Heartland:
<https://secure.2harvest.org/site/donation>
- Waverly Food Shelf:
[https:// www.WCCAweb.com](https://www.WCCAweb.com)
- Scan QR code with your phone

Report prepared by
Pam Johnson, Secretary

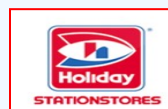


Remember that we have these Gift Cards on-hand for those last minute shopping or gift-giving needs, and those rebates support the church at the same time!

NEW! Casey's gift cards are now reloadable - what a great way to support a local business and the church at the same time! Pick up on today at church or order one on one of April's order dates!

Question? Please contact Angie Ferrell (763) 442-4876 or Kelly Rux (952) 221-8659.

APRIL ORDER DATES: MONDAY APRIL 3rd & 17th



Finance Update



Happy Spring! Nothing too exciting on the finance front. We are still waiting to see how much, if anything, street assessments will cost for the Montrose Downtown Improvement Project. The elevator repairs should start this month, as all parts were ordered and we paid the 50% down as required for work to begin. Thank you to everyone for your continued support of the church. If you haven't yet, you can support the church through our **RaiseRight** Gift Card Fundraiser. An easy way to support the church that doesn't cost you anything! As always, any questions can be sent my way.

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**TO GIVE SECURILY TO MUMC
SCAN QR CODE WITH YOUR PHONE
OR GO ONLINE TO WEBSITE:**
(Type URL info below into your web address bar)

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Ernie & Jason Couch return to Montrose UMC for another great evening of fun entertainment! Bring your family, friends, neighbors... EVERYONE!

7 pm Free Concert (Sanctuary)
8 pm Pie & Ice Cream Social (Fellowship Hall)

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p><i>FEED MY STARVING CHILDREN</i> <i>Saturday, April 1st 11:30 am - 1:30 pm</i> <i>(Meeting at the church 10 am)</i></p>		<p><i>Youth Bagging Groceries at CUB FOODS</i> <i>Fundraiser For MUMC camp scholarships</i> <i>Friday, April 7th 11 am - 4 pm</i></p>			<p>1 11:30 am FMSC 5-9 pm Palabra Viva Worship (S) 8-10 pm AA Meeting (C)</p>	
<p>2 PALM SUNDAY & COMMUNION 9:30 am Sunday School (C) 9:30 am Coffee Fellowship (F) 10:30 am Worship Service (S) 6:30 pm Confirmation Class (C)</p>	<p>3 RAISERIGHT ORDER DAY! 6:30 pm Boy Scouts (C) 7 pm Palabra Viva Rehearsal (S)</p>	<p>4 7 pm Bell Choir Rehearsal (S)</p>	<p>5 7 pm Choir Rehearsal (S) 7 pm Palabra Viva Ofc Hour (O)</p>	<p>6 6:30 pm Cub Scouts (C) 7-8 pm Palabra Viva Worship (S)</p>	<p>7 BAGGING GROCERIES @ CUB 11 am to 4 pm</p>	<p>8 5-9 pm Palabra Viva Worship (S) 8-10 pm AA Meeting (C)</p>
<p>9 EASTER SUNDAY NO SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:30 am Easter Breakfast (F) 10:30 am Worship Service (S) 11:30 am Easter Breakfast (F) NO CONFIRMATION CLASS</p>	<p>10 6:30 pm Boy Scouts (C) 7 pm Palabra Viva Rehearsal (S)</p>	<p>11 7 pm Bell Choir Rehearsal (S)</p>	<p>12 7 pm Choir Rehearsal (S) 7 pm Palabra Viva Ofc Hour (O)</p>	<p>13 6:30 pm 4H Club (C) 7-8 pm Palabra Viva Worship (S)</p>	<p>14</p>	<p>15 5-9 pm Palabra Viva Worship (S) 8-10 pm AA Meeting (C)</p>
<p>16 (PASTOR ON VACATION) 9:30 am Sunday School (C) 9:30 am Coffee Fellowship (F) 10:30 am Worship Service (S) NO CONFIRMATION CLASS</p>	<p>17 RAISERIGHT ORDER DAY! 6:30 pm Boy Scouts (C) 7 pm UWF HANNAH CIRCLE (L) 7 pm Palabra Viva</p>	<p>18 12 pm FE-ED Mtg. (MUMC) NO BELL CHOIR REHEARSAL</p>	<p>19 NO CHOIR REHEARSAL 7 pm Palabra Viva Ofc Hour (O) 7:15 PM Church Council (L)</p>	<p>20 6:30 pm Cub Scouts (C) 7-8 pm Palabra Viva Worship (S)</p>	<p>21</p>	<p>22 5-9 pm Palabra Viva Worship (S) 8-10 pm AA Meeting (C)</p>
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APRIL BIRTHDAYS!
 1st-Noah Carter
 3rd-Heather Prestidge
 5th-Devon Prestidge
 6th-Linda Marquette
 9th-Gloria Adickes

19th-Diane Folkestad
 21st-Norman Jerde
 21st-Krystal Prestidge
 21st-Terry Rux
 23rd-Amber Bloom

ANNIVERSARIES!
 7th-Debbie & Paul Baker
 30th-Angie & Jeff Dostal



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FE-ED
For Each and Every Day
(4th Tuesday of the Month)

UPCOMING FREE
FOOD DISTRIBUTIONS:
Tuesday, April 25th
Tuesday, May 23rd

Drive-Thru event
Starting at 3 pm

Montrose Community Center

Volunteers are needed & welcome
starting at 12:30 pm to pack food boxes!

FE-ED will have drive-thru food distributions every
4th Tuesday of the month giving out pre-packed boxes of
dairy, produce, bread and food items.

Go to the FEED website for more information:

www.fe-ed.org

Come Worship with Us
Easter Sunday
April 9th

Rev. Mark Schlasner, Pastor

Easter Breakfast 9:30 am - 10:15 am
And after Worship Service 11:30 - Noon

French Toast Bakes, Egg Bakes, Sausage, Muffins,
Fresh Fruit, Milk, Juice, Coffee.

(FREE WILL OFFERING TO MUSIC MINISTRY.)

Worship Service 10:30 am

Watch Worship Service at 10:30 am
on **Facebook Live!**

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