Montrose Messenger

Newsletter for Montrose United Methodist Church August 2026 Volume 8

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"Grant that we may not so much seek to be consoled as to console, to be understood as to understand, to be loved as to love."

- St. Francis of Assisi

Pastor Mark's Column

A Month of Refreshing and Renewal: Join Us for "Praise Break" & "Lessons in Leadership"

This month, we are excited to guide our congregation through two distinct but complementary sermon series designed to nourish your spirit and equip our community. As the lazy days of summer often leave us feeling both physically drained and spiritually parched, we are kicking off August with a much-needed interlude. We invite you to pause, take a deep breath, and recalibrate your heart with a series simply titled "Praise Break." Running for the first three weeks, this series is our chance to step away from the frantic pace of summer activities and remember the joy that comes from simply being in God's presence.

In "Praise Break," we are turning to the timeless songbook of the faithful to find refreshment for our weary souls. Whether the heat has gotten to you or the schedule has worn you down, this series serves as a spiritual reset. We will explore how music and declaration are not just elements of a service, but vital responses to the reality of God's constant presence. By examining the Psalms and other scriptural songs, we will remind ourselves that praise isn't contingent on perfect circumstances; it is the appropriate response to a God who walks with us through every season. It is an invitation to let go of our burdens and simply lift our voices in gratitude.

As we close out the month and transition into the rhythms of fall, we will shift our focus to a forward-looking series entitled "Lessons in Leadership." Covering the final two weeks of the month, this series is designed to prepare our hearts and minds for the work ahead. As we gather back together and look toward the future, it is essential that we align our values and take inventory of our attitudes. This is not a seminar on management or a step-by-step guide for handling church logistics; rather, it is an opportunity to ask the deeper questions about the kind of community we aspire to be.

We encourage you to join us for these powerful five Sundays. Allow the first half of the month to fill your cup with the energy and joy of praise, so that you are ready to approach the second half with a spirit of wisdom and unity. Whether you are a long-time member or a guest, these messages are for everyone who calls this church home. Let us enter the sanctuary ready to sing, ready to learn, and ready to grow together as we build up the body of Christ. We look forward to seeing you there!

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August Worship Theme

"A Month of Refreshing and Renewal: Join Us for "Praise Break" & "Lessons in Leadership".

August 2, 2026
COMMUNION SUNDAY
Communion Steward:
Carol Prestidge
Message: *"Behold the Face"*
Scripture: Psalm 17:1-7, 15

Sunday, August 9, 2026
Message: *"Sing Praises"*
Scripture: Psalm 105:1-6, 16-22, 45b

Sunday, August 16, 2026
Message: *"Unity of Praise"*
Scripture: Psalm 133

Sunday, August 23, 2026
Message: *"Power"*
Scripture: Exodus 1:8-2:10

Sunday, August 30, 2026
Message: *"Acceptance"*
Scripture: Exodus 3:1-15

NOTE:
Pastor Mark will be on vacation
Mon., Sep. 14 - Mon., Sep. 21

Sunday, September 13th in Lion's Park
9:30 am Sunday School
9:30 am Meet & Greet with Coffee & Donuts
10:30 am Outdoor Worship Service
11:30 am - 1 pm Lunch, Games and Activities!

PRAYER REQUESTS LIFTED IN JULY

Living at Home...

Gloria Adickes (Parkview Care Center)
John Hylland

Lifting in Our Prayers

Tristan, Sandy Dmytryszyn's great-grandson, having surgery on his lung to remove a tumor - he's only 7 years-old. *UPDATE:* His tumor was not cancerous.
Those awaiting results from medical tests.
The Folkestad family, dealing with stress and cruelty being caused by former daughter-in-law amidst a divorce.
Gini Gutknecht, prayers her eye and brain coordination will improve.
Amber Bloom's Group Home, affected by the passing of one of the women there July 7th. She is now free of pain.
Allan Malerich, dealing with blood sugar problems.
Those impacted by the wildfires in the BWCA, Canada and other states.
Tony Vanderlinde, Roger Vanderlinde's brother, diagnosed with cancer and undergoing tests and scans.
Heather Prestidge, prayers she'll get a new job in Buffalo.
Allan Malerich, prayers no more doctor appointments get rescheduled or canceled.
Don Grant, Joan Halderson's daughter-in-law's dad, suffered a stroke July 19th.

Lifting in Our Prayers - continued

Those in Hospice care.
Continued prayers for Venezuela, recovering from earthquake.
Don, Linda Prestidge's brother, having major surgery July 29th.
Prayers for the elderly, people with medical conditions and no air conditioning on these extremely hot days.
Those impacted by the devastating EF3 tornado in Appleton and Manasha, WI communities.

Joys & Blessings

Belle Johnson, Hunter Reinhart and the BHS Herd Marching Band, traveling to Michigan to perform at 100th Annual Cherry Festival then to Chicago, IL!
House of Grace members joining MUMC at Worship Service!
Ricki Malerich, able to donate blood again and encourages others to do so. The need is greater than ever!
Alyssa Prestidge, grateful and overjoyed to be representing Montrose at Minneapolis Aquatennial Events July 18th-26th.
Betty Danford, enjoying the blessings of Don's family visiting here and presenting her with an "In Memory of Don" plaque.
Hannah Circle group and friends enjoying the play, *"Church Basement Ladies, A Second Helping"* at Plymouth Playhouse!
FE-ED, grateful for the $2,350 donation from Montrose Family Chiropractic (see photo below)!

CARING FOR COMMUNITY
FE-ED

On Tuesday, July 21st, Dr. Sonya Tourville, owner of Montrose Family Chiropractic, presented a donation to **FE-ED** in the amount of $2,350.00!

The money was raised as part of a promotion at MFC celebrating Dr. Sonya's 35 years in practice! *(Pictured L-R: Dr. Sonya Tourville, Pastor Sarah Bunge from House of Grace, Linda Marquette from FE-ED, and Pastor Mark Schlasner from Montrose United Methodist Church.)*

FE-ED expressed additional Thanks to the extra volunteers at the July 28th food drop:

- Phoenix Learning Center Students
- Local Boy Scout Troop #312
- Volunteers from our Community

And to **Grace Place** for the donation of rescue foods!

FE-ED is made possible through the partnership of Montrose United Methodist Church and House of Grace.

Sunday School Update

Mark your calendar for the first day of Sunday School, **September 13th at 9:30 am!**

We will continue with the curriculum "***TWO OR MORE***", specifically designed for smaller churches and ages 3 –12. The lesson plans include Bible experience, hands-on discovery, games, crafts, prayer, activities, and singing together!

We invite our Sunday School families to stay and join us for an Outdoor Worship Service at 10:30 am, followed by the Annual Community & Family Block Party with lunch served at Noon in Lion's Park.

God Bless,
Angie Ferrell - Christian Education Director
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Back to School Bonuses are coming soon! Get ready to earn big with new brands on bonus each week. Whether you're shopping for new clothes, school supplies, or household staples, tackle your to-dos and make the most of every purchase.

Week 1 (July 18-24): Apparel & School Supplies
Week 2 (July 25-31): Youth Sports
Week 3 (August 1-7): Quick Bites
Week 4 (August 8-14): Gas & Grocery
Week 5 (August 15-21): Restaurants & Routine
Week 6 (August 22-28): End-of-Summer Fun
Week 7 (Aug 29 - Sep 4): Last-Minute Shopping

UWF Hannah Circle Update

United Women in Faith

Montrose UMC
United Women in Faith
Hannah Circle

Our next meeting is Monday, August 17th at 6:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall. Sherry Ovall will lead the program.

A group of 14 attended the play, "Church Basement Ladies, A Second Helping" on Saturday, July 25th. A great time was had by all! Hannah Circle will continue to watch for fun events to share with the congregation and attend!

We are currently looking at helping at the September 13th Community Block Party in Lion's Park. The Block Party Committee is meeting after church on Sun., August 9th. Anyone with ideas or interest in helping is encouraged to attend!

Hannah Circle is still discussing what to offer during ***Celebrate Montrose Hometown Days*** Saturday, Sept. 26th & Sunday, September 27th! Apples appears to be the theme this year, so we may host a Pie Social Saturday late afternoon! STAY TUNED!

Hannah Circle, as part of our Community Outreach, will once again provide the meal at Love INC's Fresh Start program on Monday, October 12th!

Have questions or suggestions for Hannah Circle? Please contact us at: **montrosemnumw@gmail.com**

Our sincere thanks to those of you that have donated Gift Cards and funds towards the purchase of grocery and gas gift cards for ***Rivers of Hope*** in Monticello.

We will continue to collect gift cards towards this mission of helping women, children and young adults throughout the year.

Our next meeting is Tuesday, August 25th at 9 am (MUMC).

Your Outreach Committee Members:
Pastor Mark, Diane Folkestad, Betty Danford & Meri Ault

The Montrose Youth Group will resume meeting on the third Wednesday of the month starting again in September!

Mark your calendars for Wed., September 16th at 5:30 pm and Text Angie your location vote:

Starbucks, Chipotle, Culver's, or ??? in Buffalo!

We look forward to reconnecting again then!

Your Youth Group Leaders:
Pastor Mark, Angie Ferrell and Kim Wagner

FE-ED FOOD DISTRIBUTION

(Brought to you by Montrose UMC & House of Grace)

Tuesday, August 25th
2 pm until gone

Drive-thru pick-up on a first come, first serve basis while quantities last.
ALL ARE WELCOME!

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 EVENTS! 4-9:30 pm Palabra Viva Worship (S/F)
2 COMMUNION SUNDAY 9:30 am Coffee & Fellowship (F) 10:30 am MUMC Worship Service (S) 10:30 am House of Grace (C) 6 pm AA Meeting (C)	**3** 7-9 pm Palabra Viva Ministry Class (C)	**4** NO ACTIVITIES	**5** NO ACTIVITIES	**6** 7-9 pm Palabra Viva Women's Bible Study (S)	**7** 7-9 pm Palabra Viva Men's Bible Study (C)	**8** 4-9:30 pm Palabra Viva Worship (S/F)
9 9:30 am Coffee & Fellowship (F) 10:30 am Worship Service (S) 10:30 am House of Grace (C) 11:30 am Block Party Mtg. 6 pm AA Meeting (C)	**10** 7-9 pm Palabra Viva Ministry Class (C)	**11** 7 pm Bell Choir Rehearsal (S)	**12** NO ACTIVITIES	**13** 4-7 pm WCCA Picnic (Maple Lake) 7-9 pm Palabra Viva Women's Bible Study (S)	**14** RAISERIGHT ORDER DAY! 7-9 pm Palabra Viva Men's Bible Study (C)	**15** 4-9:30 pm Palabra Viva Worship (S/F)
16 9:30 am Coffee & Fellowship (F) 10:30 am Worship Service (S) 10:30 am House of Grace (C) 11:30 am Church Council (F) 6 pm AA Meeting (C)	**17** 6:30 pm Hannah Circle Meeting (C) 7-9 pm Palabra Viva Ministry Class (C)	**18** 12 pm FE-ED Board & Planning Meeting (C)	**19** NO ACTIVITIES	**20** 7-9 pm Palabra Viva Women's Bible Study (S) 7:30 pm SPRC Meeting (C)	**21** 7-9 pm Palabra Viva Men's Bible Study (C)	**22** 4-9:30 pm Palabra Viva Worship (S/F)
23 9:30 am Coffee & Fellowship (F) 10:30 am Worship Service (S) 10:30 am House of Grace (C) 6 pm AA Meeting (C) **30** 9:30 am Coffee & Fellowship (F) 10:30 am Worship Service (S) 10:30 am House of Grace (at The Gables) 6 pm AA Meeting (C)	**24** 7-9 pm Palabra Viva Ministry Class (S) **31** 7-9 pm Palabra Viva Ministry Class (S)	**25** 9 am Outreach Committee Mtg. (C) 12 pm FE-ED Set-up (MCC) 2 pm FE-ED Food Distribution (MCC) 7 pm Bell Choir Rehearsal (S)	**26** NO ACTIVITIES	**27** 7-9 pm Palabra Viva Women's Bible Study (S)	**28** RAISERIGHT ORDER DAY! 7-9 pm Palabra Viva Men's Bible Study (C)	**29** 4-9:30 pm Palabra Viva Worship (S/F)

Saturday, August 1st Events!
5-8 pm Montrose Firefighter Relief Fundraiser *PORK CHOP DINNER* (MCC)
7-10 pm *"Music in the Park"* hosted by Montrose Parks & Recreation (Lion's Park)

Watch for details in our September newsletter for the 2026 Celebrate Montrose Home Town Days Moved to Sat., Sept. 26th & Sun., Sept. 27th!

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS!

2nd-Allan Malerich
3rd-Brian Bloom
3rd-Tammy Prestidge
18th-Christie Illies
19th-Mike Wagner
26th-Brayden Ashbaugh
28th-Jacob Smothers
29th-Carol Becker
31st-Bridget Chaffins

AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES!

1st-Bonnie & Steve Ashbaugh
7th-Sue & John Hylland
12th-Jewell & Allan Malerich
13th-Ashley & Chris Parks

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

THE NEXT FREE FOOD DISTRIBUTION:
Tuesday, August 25th

Drive-Thru event Starting at 2 pm
at the Montrose Community Center

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

FE-ED offers a drive-thru food distributions each month giving out pre-packed boxes of dairy, produce, bread and other food items.
One box per car - Open to everyone.
No requirements - No cost.

FE-ED is brought to you in partnership by Montrose United Methodist Church and House of Grace.
Go to the FEED website for more information:
www.fe-ed.org

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What's Missing? U R

Rev. Mark Schlasner, Pastor
Coffee & Fellowship 9:30 am
Worship Service 10:30 am
Communion is on
the 1st Sunday of the month

Can't make it to worship service? Watch us on Facebook Live at 10:30 am or when it fits into your schedule!
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