# Montrose Messenger

**Newsletter for Montrose United Methodist Church** 

2022 October Volume 10



#### **Pastor Mark's Column**

"When you pray, don't be like hypocrites. They love to pray standing in the synagogues and on the street corners so that people will see them. I assure you, that's the only reward they'll get. But when you pray, go to your room, shut the door, and pray to your Father who is present in that secret place. Your Father who sees what you do in secret will reward you."

- Matthew 6:5-6

"Moses said to the Lord, "Pardon your servant, Lord. I have never been eloquent, neither in the past nor since you have spoken to your servant. I am slow of speech and tongue." - Exodus 4:10

As a kid, there wasn't a thing I couldn't do! I was great at drawing, math, reading, sports, etc. If I ever was asked if I'm good at something, I'd raise my hand proudly! That list has gotten shorter as I've gotten older. I'm no longer good at drawing, I'm alright at math, and I haven't really played sports in a long time! Part of the reason why I'm not so great at stuff anymore is because I don't have school where time is already scheduled for me to do those kinds of things. Also, it's because I haven't developed past drawing stick figures. One thing that I think most people say they're not good at is prayer.

Prayer, especially public prayer, is a weak spot for most people. It's a weak spot because most people pray privately and rarely ever have to lift up prayer in public. Sometimes when asked to pray in public most people feel like Moses: inept and ineloquent. Well rest assured, you're not the only one! Everyone would love to have an Aaron who could say all of our prayers for us. Part of living a spiritual life is being able to pray whenever and wherever because it's important to connect with God!

This next sermon series, Talking With God, will focus on prayer and some of the misconceptions. Whether you're a prayer warrior or just beginning your prayer life, there will be something to learn and gain from this sermon series. We'll talk about what it means to pray, why we pray, how to pray, and how it can develop a rich spiritual life. In order for us to grow as spiritual beings, we must be able to develop a daily prayer life. How can God answer our prayers if we don't even know what we can ask for or how to ask?

Even I had some misconceptions about prayer life. When I was in seminary, a youth leader at this church I was attending totaled his car. He was having to get rides to church from other youth leaders. The senior pastor helped him and some gracious person gave him a car for free! He kept praising God and thanking God for answering his prayer. As a seminary student who thinks that I know more than this youth leader; I turned to him skeptically and asked, "you think God would give you a car for free while there are people starving in Africa?" That really shut him up. He didn't have a good reply! I smugly thought that I did my job at making him question whether God really answered his prayer or not. It wasn't until later that I learned that I was absolutely wrong.

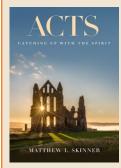
God had indeed answered his prayer! There was no way that I was an authority to say what God can or can't do! He asked for a car so he could continue to reliably get himself to church and preach the good news of Jesus Christ. Even today I sort of regret saying what I had said. I shouldn't be discouraging others from a life of faith, but instead helping each one of us to go deeper and listen closely to the way the Spirit moves us. Someone was moved by the God of love to give that youth leader a car. It wasn't so that the person could get a pat on the back or get a gold star. The person did it because that was their sincere and honest reaction to Jesus' call to love our neighbor. That's the power of prayer!

We're all connected, and in order for us to truly be able to see prayers answered, we have to have an active prayer life. I ask you to pray that God will reveal some amazing stuff during the next four weeks. As we gather again in small groups beginning the week of October 16th, we will go deeper into how an active prayer life can not only change our spiritual life but also the spiritual life of those around us!

Blessings! Pastor Mark



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Finishing the six-week Sermon Series

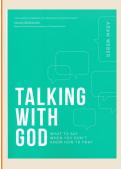
"Acts: Catching Up With the Spirit" Book by Matthew L. Skinner

#### Sunday, October 2, 2022 Week 5

"Saints Around the Edges" Scripture: Acts 12:1-17

#### Sunday, October 9, 2022 Week 6

"This Changes Everything" Scripture: Acts 16:16-33



NEW SERMON SERIES!

"Talking With God. What To Say When You Don't Know How To Pray." Book by Adam Weber

## Sunday, October 16, 2022 "The God We Talk With"

Scripture: Genesis 18:10-15

#### Sunday, October 23, 2022

"The Way We Pray"
Scripture: Matthew 6:7-15

#### Sunday, October 30, 2022

"How to Pray When..." Scripture: Mark 4:35-41

#### Sunday, November 6, 2022

"Only The Beginning"
Scripture: Deuteronomy 6:4-9



## PRAYER PAGE

#### Grieving with Families

† The Family of Carol Gruhlke. Carol, Angie Ferrell's sister-in-law's Mom, passed away September 22 at 79 years of age.



Grateful

Thankful

Blessed

† The Family of Molly Bickmann. Molly, Angie Ferrell's sister, was tragically killed in an automobile accident September 26th. She was 52 years of age.

#### Our Friends at Home....

Living at Home -Gloria Adickes John Hylland



#### Lifting in Our Prayers

Continued prayers for Ukraine.

**Don Danford,** continuing his recovery from ankle surgery and complications.

Sylvia Daniels daughter, Jenna, exposed to mold and having to see a specialist at their expense.

Those battling cancer.

**Those with Covid, Flu, etc.** and many fighting long haulers symptoms of Covid.

**Carol Prestidge**, having knee surgery September 15th. UPDATE: surgery went well and Carol is up using a walker 3 days later!

**Jean Kuhn,** had successful surgery and her last chemo treatment, now meets with doctor about radiation treatments.

The victims of September 11, 2001.

Bonnie Ashbaugh's Mom & Dad, both still recovering from Covid, and her Dad having so many health concerns.

Julie Halverson, friend of Kim Wagner's, recovering from knee replacement surgery.

**Jay D.,** friend of Kim Wagner's, diagnosed with stage 4 cancer. **Allan Malerich,** waiting on much-needed test, moved-up to November from January.

**Duane Brunko, Jane Gessinger's Dad**, taken to ER with rapid heartbeat, shocked back into rhythm. Also seeing a doctor about his bladder cancer.

Prayers for all those impacted by Hurricane Fiona; from Puerto Rico to Nova Scotia.

**Gypsy, Diane Folkestad's dog,** passed away September 22nd. **David Johnson**, friend of the Wagner's, recovering from hernia surgery.

Meri Ault's brother, diagnosed with brain cancer and given about 1 year to live.

Jesse, Sherry Ovall's sister-in-law, having a hysterectomy in October.

**Prayers for all those impacted by Hurricane Ian,** Florida hit especially hard, with over 70 dead as of September 30th. **Chad Larson,** recovering from hernia surgery

#### Blessings and Celebrations

**Jacque & Roger Vanderlinde**, celebrating their 52nd Wedding Anniversary!

Christie Illies' co-worker's husband's Dad, after

being accidentally ran over, able to come home after major injuries and multiple surgeries.



We celebrate all the special Birthdays and Anniversaries from September!

#### A Prayer for Fall By Emma Danzey



Dear Creator of All,

Thank you for the beautiful changes that are coming. Thank you for the crisp fall air, the colorful unveiling of your glory, the harvest of many fruits and vegetables, and the finale of your yearlong process. As we reflect on Your goodness today, thank You for the season that reminds us that You make all things new. Thank you for the time of year that brings coolness, abundance, and bright colors.

As I look at your creation through nature, would You remind me of Your glory? Reveal to me Your power and Your grace. No matter what I am going through in this time, help me to open my eyes to see the visual that You are working and are not done with me. I confess the areas of sin and darkness in my life. Help me Holy Spirit to be renewed by You day by day. I lay down my agenda. I lay down my plans for what life should look like and entrust myself to you. Just as you make the trees look more beautiful than before, Your plans and your ways are higher than my own.

You say in Psalm 104:19, "He made the moon to mark the seasons, and the sun knows when to go down." You are the One who created the moon to reveal the season. Different times of year have different lengths of days for a reason. Different seasons have different temperatures and beauties about them. Fall is such a lively and exciting time of celebration and life. Help my soul to join in with the praise from nature, worshiping You, the Creator.

Jesus, You celebrated the feast of trumpets, the day of atonement, and the feast of tabernacles during this season of fall. These were times of repentance, forgiveness, joy, and celebration. As we stand on this side of the cross and resurrection, may we not forget the work that You have done on behalf of all who accept You as Savior Jesus. We pray that we would allow You to examine our hearts and refine any areas that need to be made more like You. Help us to be reminded of this in this season of the saving grace of Christ. Help us to remember that we have been given such forgiveness and identity in You.

Lord, the leaves that are turning are dying and becoming more beautiful. Would this be a visual reminder to me to die to myself, pick up my cross, and follow You each day? To live is Christ, to die is gain. Help me to not live by my flesh but by the Spirit so that others can see You. I pray my life would be an aroma of You. May others see my actions and hear my words and know that You are the Living God and You love them.

Fall is also a time of slowing down. Father, would you enable me to remember to pace myself? Would you help me to find rest in You and strength to accomplish the tasks ahead with You? Help me to live out of a place of being secure in You. Amen.

#### **MUMC ANNOUNCEMENTS & UPCOMING EVENTS**

#### **SUNDAY SCHOOL UPDATE**

We are continuing the curriculum "Teach Kids the Beatitudes with the Beati-DUDES in **SURFS UP!** 



We still hope to do a fall
Community Service Project at
FMSC (Feed My Starving Children) on an upcoming Saturday
at the Chanhassen location
We will notify you once a date has
been chosen and plans finalized!

Christian Education Director Angie Ferrell Phone: (763) 442-4876

Hand Bell Choir
Rehearses
Tuesdays at 7 pm.

**NOTE:** No rehearsal on the **3rd Tuesday of the month.** 



If you are interested in joining the Hand Bell Choir, no experience is necessary!

Contact Jacque Vanderlinde (763) 675-3423

Chancel Choir
Rehearses
Wednesdays at 7 pm.

**NOTE:** No rehearsal on the 3rd Wednesday of the month.



If singing is your talent and you are interested in joining the Chancel Choir please contact:

Jewell "Ricki" Malerich (763) 682-1780

We will be starting Small Group gatherings beginning the week of October 16th, using the book "Talking With God. What To Say When You Don't Know How To Pray", digging deeper into how an active



prayer life can not only change our spiritual life but also the spiritual life of those around us!

Pastor Mark (763) 656-3490

Sunday, October 30th ~ 4 pm -5:30 pm In the Fellowship Hall hosted by the Mike & Kim Wagner with dinner provided. (Meal to be announced later.)



SEE SIGN-UP SHEET IN FELLOWSHIP HALL TO RSVP!



If YOU are interested in hosting a
MEET & GREET in your home please contact
Amy Chaffins at (612) 418-1369.

Please call at your earliest convenience to schedule
a SUNDAY, TUESDAY OR THURSDAY
between now and November 16th.

Pastor Mark would like to meet everyone
and share in the conversation of what his/your
vision is for the next chapter at
Montrose United Methodist Church
and how we get there together!



#### **MUMC Annual Charge Conference**

It's that time of year again!
The date of our Annual Charge Conference,
usually early December, will be announced
in the November newsletter.

Forms needing completion are <u>available now</u> on Minnesota's UMC conference website.

www.minnesotaumc.org

The following people/positions are asked to complete forms for the conference:

- Church Administrator
- Church Secretary/Administrative Assistant
- Finance Chair
- Pastor (Compensation form due 12/1/22)
- SPRC Chair
- Lay Speaker/Lay Leaders
- Trustee Chair
- Membership Secretary

(Please go to the website to complete or print forms, then submit to Kim Wagner to compile for conference packet.)

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS & UPCOMING EVENTS**



Celebrate Montrose (formerly Montrose Days)
is hosting a Halloween Party
Friday, October 28th 6 pm - 8 pm
Montrose Community Center



Before the dance, at 5 pm, there will be a Trunk-or-Treat event hosted by Motors of America. (In MUMC parking lot if all road construction is complete and every one can safely walk through lot.)



Montrose Lion's Halloween Candy Giveaway
Monday, October 31st at 4:30 pm
Montrose Community Center

MUMC will join the Lion's to celebrate Halloween! We need a few volunteers to staff our table and help give out candy at this event!

### United Women in Faith ~ Hannah Circle



Hannah Circle meets on the third Mondays of the month at 7 pm!

We invite you to join us at our next meeting on Monday, October 17th at 7 pm in the Library

We start with a short devotion then move to our program, either from our Program Book or The Upper Room Devotional book.

Our September meeting was spent enjoying pie and ice cream at Gloria Adickes, what a special time it was! Whether we're making tie blankets, planning events, or just having a conversation... it's a Joy to be among friends & women of faith.

We'd love for you to join us or provide comments/suggestions on what you'd like to see your United Women in Faith Hannah Circle group do!

Please contact us at: montrosemnumw@gmail.com

#### FREE COMMUNITY MEAL

"Thankful Thursdays"

- ◆ Thursday, October 20th 5 pm 7 pm Montrose Community Center
- Thursday, November 17th from 5 pm 7 pm
   Montrose Community Center



Montrose UMC is helping host the Nov. 17 meal with turkey, mashed potatoes, dressing, and more! We are looking for volunteers to help Wed. evening to set-up and on Thur. 17th to cook, serve, and clean-up.



The scenes of utter destruction in Florida caused by Hurricane lan are heartbreaking. While authorities have not given the all-clear to enter affected areas, UMCOR and its local partners have been hard at work preparing for storm response and recovery.

Supplies are headed to Florida and an initial solidarity grant has been given to help the the Florida Conference of The United Methodist Church address immediate needs, as they are able.

If your church would like to help create flood kits and menstrual hygiene kits for those impacted by Hurricane Ian and other flooding events, please visit this page for more information: <a href="https://umcmission.org/umcor-relief-supplies/">https://umcmission.org/umcor-relief-supplies/</a>

You can also support the work of UMCOR and its local partners by giving to UMCOR U.S. Disaster Response and Recovery fund, knowing that 100% of your donations go to help those in need. Go to website, choose disaster relief for Hurricane Ian.

https://advance.umcmission.org

#### **Finance Update**



Happy Fall!

A quick update around finances. First, thank you to everyone that returned their letters regarding the parking lot campaign. We are taking your

responses into consideration when deciding what to do. As of September 25th, we have received the following pledges: \$10,750 in one-time donations and annual pledges of \$4,200. We are very thankful for your pledges.

I might not have been clear in the letter, so I do apologize, as folks wanted to know the cost. I had included it in past newsletter articles, but for clarification purposes bids to completely re-do the parking lot are coming in at \$80K to \$100K. As of right now we do not have enough in pledges to cover this cost. Also, as we've seen on the news, interest rates are rising. So please know that we are aware of this and will proceed very cautiously if we do anything around the parking lot.

My final item is another reminder around our apportionments. We have to pay the conference over \$10K this year for our apportionments. This equates to approximately \$150 per member each year. We appreciate the continued giving towards apportionments. We still have a large amount we need to collect prior to the end of the year.

(Here is an explanation on apportionments from the Minnesota UMC Conference.)

WHAT ARE APPORTIONMENTS? The main way we support the ministries of the church is through our apportioned funds, a method of giving that proportionally allocates the global and Minnesota church budgets to local congregations. Each year, every local church is assigned "a portion meant for others." The amount of money each congregation is asked to pay is determined by a formula that, in Minnesota, is based 15 percent on each congregation's number of members and 85 percent on each congregation's expenditures.

Together, through our connected congregations, we accomplish what no single church, district, or annual conference ever could hope to do alone. In this way, each individual, each family, and each congregation contributes to the church's work. We combine our prayers, presence, gifts, and service to make a significant difference in the lives of God's people.

As always, feel free to reach out to me with any questions you might have.

Kelly Rux, Finance Chair (952) 221-8659 Email: kellyrux@hotmail.com

#### **FE-ED UPDATE**



#### Report for Sept. 27th Food Drop

We were very concerned because many of our regular volunteers were unable to help at the drop this month for a variety of reasons. Thank you to everyone who took on extra responsibilities to make the drop a success.

We didn't even attempt to have our families drive into the community center parking lot! We had them drive-up to the north door of the community center and boxes were placed in their vehicle. We are hoping the entrances to the parking lot will be done for the next drop (Oct. 25th). We will continue to distribute 150 food boxes per drop.

#### **Our Community Contributions:**

- We received 160 Lbs. of frozen bread from WCCA.
- Untiedt's provided 550 Lbs. of fresh produce (corn, onions, peppers, tomatoes, cucumbers & melons).
- We received 720 Lbs. of food from Buffalo Food Shelf & KFC (frozen deli, chicken and rescue meat).

#### **September 27th Statistics:**

- 4,435 pounds of food from SHH!
- Families served 144!
- Individuals served 427!
- Veterans served 33!
- Communities served 18

Respectfully submitted,
Pam Johnson



#### Through the partnership of Montrose United Methodist Church & House of Grace

We are able to bless over 400 individuals a month. We have been helped by individual contributors, and are so grateful for the following that are faithful to the mission of feeding our neighbors.

- Buffalo Food Shelf
- Buffalo Toy Shop
- City of Montrose
- Delano Legion
- Hands and Hearts For All
- Individual Donations
- Marvsville United Fund
- Montrose Lions
- Trombley Family
- Untiedt's Vegetable Farm
- Waverly Food Shelf
- WCCA

#### THANK YOU!

#### To Donate

Thanks for Your

Support!



Scan QR code above to donate to FE-ED

(Donations are tax deductible)





#### FOOD DROP

#### Tuesday, October 25th at 3 pm

Drive-thru pick-up on a first come-first serve basis while quantities last.

#### **LOCATION: Community Center**

**EVERYONE IS WELCOME!** 

| Sun  | Mon   | Tue  | Wed  | Thu  | Fri  | Sat   |
|--|---|--|--|--|--|---|
| <b>MEET &amp; GREETS!</b> SPRC is looking for volunteers to host MEET & GREETS with Pastor Mark, now through November 16th on a Sunday, Tuesday or Thursday! If you'd like to host, please contact Amy Chaffins at (612) 418-1369. <i>Mike &amp; Kim Wagner will host at the church on SUNDAY, Oct. 30th at 4 pm with dinner.</i> See sign-up sheet to RSVP! |   |  |  |  |  | 1 5 - 9 pm Palabra<br>Viva Worship (S)<br>8 -10 pm AA Meeting<br>(C)      |
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| 30   | 31  | HALLOWEEN EVENTS!  |  |  |  |   |

9:30 am Sunday School (C) 9:30 am Coffee & Fellowship (F) 10:30 am Worship Service (S) 4 pm MEET & GREET (F) With Dinner by Wagners

#### RAISERIGHT **ORDER DAY**

6:30 pm Boy Scouts (C) 7 pm Palabra Viva Rehearsal (S)

- The Celebrate Montrose Committee (formerly Montrose Days) is hosting a Halloween Party on Friday, October 28th from 6-8 pm at the Montrose Community Center, with a TRUNK-OR-TREAT event starting at 5 pm.
- The Montrose Lion's and MUMC will hand out Halloween goody bags on Monday, October 31st at 4:30 pm at the Montrose Community Center.

#### **BIRTHDAYS!**

1st-Keith Prestidge 2nd-Julie Spreeman 3rd-Jeannie Yager 6th-Miko Valli

7th-Randy Segler 8th-Jessica Reinhart 8th - Janelle Schwandt 14th-Nick Spreeman 15th-Kyzer Parks

15th-Terry Vanderbeek 17th-Kodie Ashbaugh 23rd-Connor Dostal 25th-Bob Prestidge 29th-Derek Lieser 31st-Kim Wagner

#### **ANNIVERSARIES!**

4th-Don & Mildred Klarstrom 11th-John & Jane Gessinger 11th-Dennis & Jeannie Yager 23rd -Keith & Carol Prestidge



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#### **Montrose United Methodist Church**



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

A Partnership between Montrose United Methodist Church and Grace Place, with support from SHH (Second Harvest Heartland) and many others in our community.

NEXT FREE FOOD
DISTRIBUTION:
Tuesday, October 25th

Starting at 3:00 pm ~ Drive thru Event

## **LOCATION: Montrose Community Center**

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

Go to the FEED website for more information:

www.fe-ed.org

# We invite you to join us on Sunday mornings! All are Welcome!



#### Rev. Mark Schlasner, Pastor

- Sunday School at 9:30 am
- Coffee & Fellowship at 9:30 am
- Worship Service at 10:30 am (Or watch us on Facebook Live!)