

Montrose Messenger

Newsletter for Montrose United Methodist Church

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*“The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases;
His mercies never come to an end;
They are new every morning;
great is your faithfulness.”*

- Lamentations 3:22-23



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Pastor Mark's Column

There's a season for everything and a time for every matter under the heavens. (Ecclesiastes 3:9)



God is change. If we're to understand anything about God, then it should be that God is change. All of creation changes and never stays the same.



The leaves grow in the spring and fall in autumn. The weather gets hot in the summer and freezing in the winter. We grow from children into adults. Change happens! We're told that change is good. If change is truly good and a substantial part of existence, then we must admit that God is change.

Okay, so what if God is change? What difference does it make in my life? Well, it just affirms that change is normal. It's okay to go through some tough growth spurts. Those times where change is difficult but inevitable. Personally, I'm going through a change where I'm having to be responsible for this newborn baby who's coming into my life. I'm sure you have experienced this change too. Having a newborn come into your life and mess up your plans in the most wonderful way imaginable. How come change is never easy? How come if it's so normal, then how come we aren't used to it yet?



Change is never easy. We live in a world that's changing, but we thirst for normalcy. We crave for everything to be the way we remember it to be. We can never get back to the way things were. That's what this whole month will be is changing for the better. We're starting a youth

group, a new bible study group, partnering in ministry with Palabra Viva, growing and developing the FE-ED program, and more! God has a lot of change happening here in Montrose!

This change is not going to be easy, but it's absolutely necessary. Charles Wesley knew that change was important, that's why he wrote a lot of hymns to popular tunes that people were familiar with. They were songs you'd hear in the bar! It sounds incredible, but it's true. The United Methodist Church is always about change.

The important thing I ask of you this month is to pray that God helps us through this change. As the leaves fall, so too may we prepare our hearts and souls for this upcoming change. A change for the better!

- *Change where we can reach more people in the name of Jesus Christ.*
- *Change where we can be the hands and feet of God.*
- *Change where God's light can shine through and bring healing to many!*

Ecclesiastes reminds us that to everything there's a season. My prayer is that God grants us this change. It'll be difficult to go through, but it'll be absolutely worth it as we do more for God and for our community.

Blessings!

Pastor Mark Schlasner

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October Worship Theme *"God Is Change"*

Sunday, October 1, 2023

Special Giving Day

World Communion Sunday

Communion Steward:

Christie Illies

Message: "Whom Will You Love"

Scripture: Luke 6:27-36

Sunday, October 8, 2023

Message: "What Are You Looking For?"

Scripture: John 1:35-38

***Sunday, October 15, 2023**

Confirmation Sunday

Scripture: Matthew 22:1-14

Sunday, October 22, 2023

Guest Speaker:

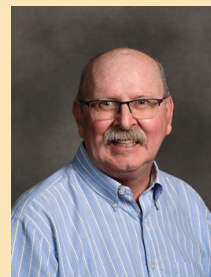
Pastor Paul Baker

Saturday, October 29, 2023

Guest Speaker:

Pastor Paul Baker

**Dates are subject to change with paternity leave*



NOTE: Retired Pastor Paul Baker will be returning as Guest Speaker on Sunday mornings (for pulpit coverage only) during Pastor Mark's paternity

leave; 2-weeks starting Oct. 17th - 31st or when baby is born, then 6 - weeks starting Jan.10 through Feb. 21, 2024.



NOTE: Pastor Cathy Jones from First Presbyterian Church Howard Lake, House of Grace Montrose, Grace Place and FE-ED will be on call for Montrose

UMC emergency needs during Pastor Mark's paternity leaves.



PRAYER PAGE

Grieving with Families

† **The Jessica Tousignant Family.** Jessica's dad, Bob, put in hospice and being cared for by Jess, passed away Sept. 23rd.



Our Friends at Home....

Living at Home -
Gloria Adickes
John Hylland



Lifting in Our Prayers

Morocco and people impacted by devastating earthquake, and all those affected by natural disasters this year - so many!



Libya and people impacted by devastating flooding from heavy rains causing two dams to collapse, killing over 5,000.

Mike and Kim Wagner, putting down two of their cats, Dylan & Diamond, for health issues.

Helen McDonald, Diane Rux's good friend, battling cancer.

And safe travels as Diane & Terry travel to visit Helen and her husband Jerry.

Blessings and Celebrations

Diane Folkestad, closing on her house in Crosby, MN and back in Buffalo at her old house!

Xavier Hampstead, Jacque & Roger Vanderlinde's grandson, shooting his first deer!

Wayne Vonderharr, Linda Prestidge's brother. Joe & Kelly Prestidge hosted a *Celebration of Life* Sept. 17th for Wayne.

Pastor Mark & Amy Schlasner's Baby Celebration!

Our Chancel Choir & Bell Choir, lifting our spirits with their music!

The Joy of Good Friends!

Ricki Malerich, attending her 60th class reunion from St. Louis Park HS!



We celebrate the many special Birthdays & Anniversaries in September!

BABY CELEBRATION PICTURES!

On Sunday, Sept. 17th we held a Baby Celebration for Pastor Mark & Amy, expecting their baby boy October 17th!



Opening jammies, outfits, onesies, t-shirts, bibs, sheets & blankets, books and more!

Wonderful gifts the Schlasner family will adore as they welcome their baby boy into this world!

Thank you to everyone that helped make this day special!



Join Pastor Mark on Thursday mornings, October 5th & 12th, at 9 am for Coffee & Conversation At Montrose UMC in the Fellowship Hall!

Serving Keurig Coffee, Tea, Hot Chocolate, etc.

(Dates could change depending on Paternity leave.)

SUNDAY SCHOOL UPDATE

On Sunday, Sept. 24th the Sunday School class did a Community Service Project, since there was no worship service that day, making tie blankets for the Wright County Social Services Foster Care Program. Beautiful soft, fleece tie blankets with **"GOD LOVES ME"** design on each blanket!



(Left) Heather Parks concentrating on every tie of her blanket!

(Right) Karlee Parks focused on her blanket!



(Below) Heather Parks showing her tie blankets with baby sister Zoey modeling!



The Sunday School class resumes studying Queen Esther and her remarkable faith, strength and courage to take action against injustice. The story will be reinforced each week through activities such as art, cooking, games, missions, science, spiritual practice and storytelling.

The Sunday school class will perform another service project, possibly in October over MEA weekend or in November, going to **FEED MY STARVING CHILDREN** to pack Manna Meals. More information to follow.

SUNDAY SCHOOL HALLOWEEN PARTY OCT. 29th!

(More details will be handed out on Oct. 8th!)

Any questions on Sunday School can be directed to Angie Ferrell at (763) 442-4876

UWF HANNAH CIRCLE



United Women in Faith Hannah Circle

Meeting on the third Thursday of the month at 7 pm!

**The next meeting is
October 16th**

We share a devotional program, sometimes a craft or mission project, then move to the business portion of our meeting. We try to keep meetings at one-hour.

Please contact us at: montrosemmnw@gmail.com with any questions.

YOUTH GROUP



Pastor Mark kicked-off the first youth meeting since 2019 on Wed., Sept. 27th going to Huikko's Event Center and treating the youth to a game of Mini Golf & Pizza afterwards! Attendees included Pastor Mark, Angie Farrell, Jake

Smothers, Kim Wagner, Bonnie Ashbaugh, Brayden Ashbaugh, and Hunter Reinhart. Brayden got a hole-in-one on the first hole, and Pastor Mark got a hole-in-one on the last hole! It was a great night for mini golf, pizza and just talking about what ideas youth have for this group.

The next meeting will be at the church
Sunday, October 15th from 6 pm - 7 pm
using the curriculum **ALPHA YOUTH**
with pizza and beverage!

FREE

The next **"Thankful Thursday"**
Community Meal is on **October 19th**
5 pm to 6:30 pm at the Community Center!

**MUMC IS SPONSORING THIS MONTH'S
COMMUNITY MEAL SO WE HOPE YOU'LL
COME OUT AND HELP US SERVE AND
GREET OUR COMMUNITY!**





Celebrating a joint Worship Service with Iglesia Palabra Viva & Montrose UMC
Saturday, September 23, 2016

Sharing in music, faith, the Message and a meal after Worship Service!



Top L & R: Sharing music together, "Here I Am to Worship", in Spanish and English. Pastor Alex on guitar and Jacque on piano.

Middle L: Pastor Alex & Risi Rodriguez sharing the Message of Micah; "to do justice, to love kindness, and to walk humbly with our God" (Micah 6:8).

Bottom L & R: Sharing in Fellowship and a Meal, with wonderful chicken, burgers, hot dogs, rice, fresh fruits, Mexican breads and many desserts.

Board of Trustees Update

UPCOMING PROJECTS:

- **Mon., Oct. 9th thru Wed., Oct. 11th** - Concrete work begins in the front of the church replacing cracked stairs and slabs. Then back entryway and sidewalk slabs will be replaced. **THERE WILL BE LIMITED ACCESS TO THE BUILDING DURING CONCRETE WORK.**
- **Mon., Oct. 16th** Frontier Fire Protection will perform water test in sanctuary to find air leak(s). Since the church does not have the funds to replace air system, we'll have to address the leaks. This test and any repairs will impact the sanctuary for a week or two.
- We are getting a quote to replace the black railings on the right side as you enter the church, these are the ones rusted and unsafe. We hope to have the railing replaced before winter.
- The roof was inspected on Fri., Sept. 22nd and minimal damage to ROOF was found, however there was some hail damage to a few others areas of the building. We will contact insurance company to see if damage warrants an adjuster to come out. Then what would/could be covered by insurance.

Finance Update



Thank you to everyone for your continued support, prayers and giving towards our church ministries. It's appreciated more than words can say.

If you're not able to make it to Sunday service and would like to give to the church, you can mail a check to the church (at PO Box 13) or use our PayPal account, which makes it easy for safe, online giving. Simply scan QR code with your camera!

As always, please reach out to me with any questions.

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Thanks
for Your
Support!

FE-ED UPDATE



September 26th Food Drop Report

Huge quantities of food and workers! We had an abundance of food from Second Harvest Heartland, Untiedt's, and the Buffalo & Waverly Food Shelves. We had cauliflower, green peppers, onions, corn, bags of grapefruits, cereal, chips and more!

We were so blessed to have about 30 students from the Phoenix Learning Center help us.

The rain held off until we were placing the boxes in the vehicles. We served our largest number of people and used all the food boxes we had prepared. You can tell the need is increasing. Thank you to everyone who made this drop a success! We had 48 volunteers for a total of 170.74 volunteer hours!

NEW FE-ED EMAIL ADDRESS:
feed.montrose.mn@gmail.com

Our community contributed a lot of extras:

- 3,000 Lbs. of fresh produce from Untiedt's.
- 2,130 Lbs. from the Buffalo Food Shelf.
- 100 Lbs. of bread products from Waverly Food Shelf.

September Statistics:

- 11,902 Lbs. of food from SHH
- 209 Families served
- 612 Individuals served
- 13 New, first time families
- 42 Veterans served (highest number in our history!)
- 24 Communities served

Respectfully submitted by
Pam Johnson, Secretary





Pastor Mark's Paternity Leave
 Is scheduled to begin Oct. 17th to Oct. 31st
 (Subject to change should baby arrive early!)

Buffalo-Hanover-Montrose-Pride Schools FALL BREAK!
 No School Wed., Oct. 18 - Fri. Oct. 20th

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 COMMUNION SUNDAY  9:30 am Sunday School (C) 9:30 am Fellowship Hour (F) 10:30 am Worship Service (S) 6:30 pm CONFIRMATION CLASS (C)	2  RaiseRight. 6:30 pm <u>Boy Scouts (C)</u> 7 pm Palabra Viva Rehearsal (S) 7:30 pm ZOOM Bible Study	3 7 pm Bell Choir Rehearsal (S)	4 7 pm Choir Rehearsal (S)	5 9 am COFFEE & CONVERSATION (F) 6:30 pm <u>Cub Scouts (C)</u> 7 pm Palabra Viva Bible Study (S)	6	7 5 - 9 pm Palabra Viva Worship (S)
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BIRTHDAYS!
 1st-Keith Prestidge
 8th-Jessica Reinhart
 15th-Kyzer Parks
 17th-Kodie Ashbaugh

23rd-Connor Dostal
 25th-Bob Prestidge
 31st-Kim Wagner

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



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FE-ED

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

NEXT FREE FOOD
DISTRIBUTION:
Tuesday, October 24th

Starting at 3:00 pm

Drive thru event is first-come,
first-serve at the
MONTROSE COMMUNITY CENTER.

ALL ARE WELCOME!

FE-ED is offered through the partnership of
Montrose United Methodist Church & Grace Place.

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

Go to the FEED website for more information:
www.fe-ed.org

Join Us Sunday Mornings!

- ♦ Sunday School 9:30 am
- ♦ Coffee & Fellowship Hour 9:30 am
(Serving Keurig Coffees, Teas, Hot Chocolate,
etc., & pastries.)
- ♦ Worship Service 10:30 am

With music by our Hand Bell
& Chancel Choirs!

Unable to attend in-person?
Watch the service on **Facebook Live!**
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