

Montgomery United Methodist Church

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The Weekly Reminder

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The Second Sunday in Lent

*"The Weekly Reminder" can be read every week in PDF format on the church website
<www.montgomeryumc.org>*

Thanks to our web editors Rich and Katie Specht.

Welcome to this morning's service of worship.

- The scripture readings for today are Genesis 15:1-12; Psalm 27; Philippians 3:17-4:1; Luke 13:31-35.
- The flowers on the altar are in celebration of George Bartlett's birthday. Happy birthday George, and thank you for your solo at this morning service of worship.

Many Thanks for Your Generous Participation

Many thanks to you for your generous participation in our Consecration Stewardship Sunday effort. We had a wonderful time last week, and deeply appreciate everyone's willingness to take part. If you have not yet sent in your estimate of giving (pledge) card, there is still time. Cards are available at the ushers table, and may be placed in the offering plate on the altar.

Thank you and God bless you.



TIME WITH MY BIBLE

- Reverend Dave Houston leads the **First Friday Bible Study** at noon on the first Friday of every month. **The next study date is Friday, March 5th, at noon**, when the topic will be "Contemplation of God: Peace and Life in Christ (John 14 and John 19:31-34). Bring a bag lunch and a friend! For further information, please see Rev. Dave.
- Rev. Marion will be serving **Holy Communion** at 11:45 AM prior to Rev. Dave's Bible Study. Please feel free to join us for Bible Study and/or Communion.
- A new group has formed and meets in between the two Sunday morning services. Bring along your cup of coffee and reflect upon the morning's scripture readings as taken from the Lectionary**Reflections on the Bible**Hope to see you there!

- All women are invited to the home Alba Lucia on the first and third Wednesdays of the month as **Women's Bible Studies** continues. For directions, please see Alba Lucia.
- Steve Thomas is providing a **Men's Bible Study** at 9:30 every Sunday morning at church. Join Steve and his friends as they study the Bible and enjoy fellowship and refreshments.

Sunday School

There is no Sunday school next Sunday, March 6th; however, the children's choir, under the direction of Margie Mutchler, will be performing - so please join us.

Methodist-Motion

Interested in being involved with the Methodist Motion Mission? Please contact Pastor Tony or send an email to Mike Maloney at mm@methodist-motion.org. Log on to www.methodist-motion.org to find out just what "Methodist-Motion" is all about. The website will be updated regularly and will include a monthly series with Pastor Tony speaking to the world's laity. Pages with items of interest to include church history and Friendship Hall updates are found on the MUMC Family Page.

Dr. James Fleming, World Renowned Biblical Scholar and Teacher is Coming to MUMC!

Dr. Fleming's seminar on March 20th will be filled with many pictures of sites where Jesus walked and visual examples of places and things Jesus knew, bringing the Bible's message to life in an amazing way. To read more about Dr. Fleming and his studies, please go to www.biblicalresources.net/pdf/BRWin09-10.pdf or www.biblicalresources.net/index.htm.

Information about how to register for this seminar will be included in next week's bulletin.

Food and Other Needed Donations – Missions & Social Concerns

In addition to a food pantry at the church where you are welcome to donate or use the provisions for yourself, donations are collected in the large basket at the door and are taken to local food banks. Monetary donations are also appreciated in order to purchase fresh fruits and vegetables for Crawford House. Hillsborough Township has provided a list of needed items, and the list is posted in Fellowship Hall. Many thanks for your generosity.

We glance at this message every week and see the words, but today, we ask that you take some extra time and effort as you do your grocery shopping, and keep this message in mind. Local food bank supplies are dangerously low – there are truly people right in our area who are hungry and unable to provide for their families. Please help as you can. Your love and support are greatly appreciated. And this simple act of kindness will do wonders for your own spirit!

Best Wishes to Reverend and Mrs. Scott

It is with a sense of sadness that we announce the retirement of our wonderful District Superintendent, the Rev. Robert Scott. Rev. Bob and his wife, Linda, have decided to take an early retirement and will be moving to the Lakewood, New Jersey area. Rev. Scott has been an encouraging and supportive Superintendent, and we will certainly miss his steady and cheerful leadership. No replacement has been announced yet.

Reverend Scott's retirement tribute will take place on Sunday, 11 April, at the Milltown UMC from 3-5 PM. All are invited.

Rummage Sale

The United Methodist Women will be holding a rummage sale on Friday and Saturday, April 23rd and 24th. Set up will begin after church on April 18th. Wow! What a way to clean out those closets while at the same time contributing to a worthy cause.

Reader and Greeter Volunteers Needed

If you would be willing to greet people as they come into church, or read the scriptures on occasion at the 10:30 service of worship, your help would be greatly appreciated. Please sign up on the sign-up sheet posted in Fellowship Hall or see Outreach Chairperson Deb Ploe.

Holy Week

March 28th Palm Sunday
April 1st Holy Thursday Services at 7:30 PM
April 2nd Good Friday Services at 12:30 PM
April 3rd Evensong Services at 5 PM
April 4th Easter Celebration

Flowers and Birthdays

The Flower Chart for 2010 is now available for you to sign up for flowers to honor a loved one. Instructions are included on the chart, and, of course, the flowers are yours to bring home after the 10:30 service of worship. Please remember to leave your payment of \$25 in the envelope provided.

February Birthdays

24 John Pecci
25 Cathy Heath
28 George Bartlett
29 Karen Lawrence

March Birthdays

2 Elaine Mallett
5 Dawn Bjornsen
8 Sandy Pesce
11 Larry Pesce
12 Emily Moses
13 Susan Cunningham
16 Chris Berk

20 Kay Behn
23 Paul Baldorf
26 Alicia Cooper
27 Pat Ellis
29 Maureen Borghard
30 Gail DeHeus
31 Thomas Armento
31 Carol Milhiser

For the Church Calendar

Saturday, February 27 th	Game/Family Night
Sunday, March 14 th	Gina Polverino recital at 2 PM
Saturday, March 20 th	Dr. James Fleming Seminar
Sunday, March 28 th	Palm Sunday
Thursday, April 1 st	Holy Thursday Service of Worship at 7:30 PM
Friday, April 2 nd	Good Friday Service of Worship at 12:30 PM
Saturday, April 4 th	Evensong Services at 5 PM
Sunday, April 4 th	EASTER
Sunday, April 11 th	Boy Scout Ceremony in the Sanctuary
Sunday, April 18 th	Set up for Rummage Sale all week
Fri., Sat., April 23 rd and 24 th	Rummage Sale
Monday, May 24 th	Boy Scout Ceremony in the Sanctuary
Saturday, June 19 th	Piano Recital in the Sanctuary



FAQ's – Frequently Asked Questions (AKA "Let's Chat")

1. How will I know if a church event or service is canceled due to inclement weather?
 - **Call the church at 908.874.3273 and if there has been a cancellation, there will be information on the telephone recording.**
 - **Go to the church website beautifully maintained by Rich and Katie Specht. If there is a cancellation it will appear on the website.**
 - **You may, if we have your correct email address, receive a message on your computer alerting you to any cancellations.**
2. How can I receive a copy of, "The Weekly Reminder" on my computer?

It's easy! Simply send a message to mumcinfo at aol.com saying you'd like to receive, "The Weekly Reminder" via email each week or call the church office at 908.874.3273, 2.
3. What does VOH mean and how did it originate?

At times, you may receive an email from the church and the subject line will read, "VOH". VOH stands for Visions of Hope. Following the tragedy of 9/11, messages of hope were periodically sent out to VOH participants who found solace in Pastor Tony's messages. Over time, the acronym, VOH was used to indicate all messages sent out over the internet from the church.
4. I notice that some people's birthdays are listed in, "The Weekly Reminder". How can my family's special days be added to the list?

Please see the answer to question number 2!

In addition, there is a Flower Chart in Fellowship Hall where you can sign up to have altar flowers given in honor or memory of a loved one. The cost is only \$25 and instructions are on the Flower Chart. The flowers, of course, are yours to bring home following the 10:30 service.
5. We are very excited about the Friendship Hall project. When do you anticipate completion?

In March! – and Pastor Tony and Mike Maloney, who has been the Project Manager for the Hall, will have more to say about this in church. Friendship Hall updates can be found on the church website, www.montgomeryumc.org, as well as on www.methodist-motion.org at the MUMC Family Page.
6. We've been visitors at Montgomery UMC for a while now. We love everything about this church from Pastor Tony's sermons to the beautiful uplifting music to the warmth and friendliness of the members over coffee after the service or Game Night with our families. Now we'd like to be more involved!

Visitors are always warmly welcome at church. Membership classes are held several times a year, and there will be a class offered soon. For further information, please see either Pastor Tony or Outreach Chairperson Deb Ploe.



If you have a comment or question for our FAQ section, simply send your email to mumcinfo at aol.com, or call the church office at 908.874.3273, ext. 2. Both telephone messages and church emails are monitored several times daily when the secretary is not in the office. Stay tuned for answers to many more frequently asked questions in the weeks ahead. Bright blessings!