

# Montgomery United Methodist Church

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## The Weekly Reminder

January 17, 2016

Greetings From the Pastor

Dear Friend in Christ,

The prophet Isaiah says these wonderful words: "...and His name shall be called, Wonderful Counselor; the Mighty God; the everlasting Father; the Prince of Peace." (Isaiah 9:6) Isaiah was writing many years before the birth of Jesus, but we know to Whom he was referring: the One who was to come - our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

Let's think together for a moment on that one title: "Prince of Peace". Jesus is not the mighty king of battle; He is not the one who rules by destruction and retribution, violence and fear; He is not the one who destroys buildings and people. Our Lord Jesus is the One who builds up; the one whose banner is Love; He does not lay claim to the title, "Mighty in Battle" - His title is "Prince of Peace." His Kingdom is not of a world of raging wars; His kingdom is a place of peacefulness, and justice, and kindness; in His Kingdom, the lion shall lie down with the lamb, and the weak and the powerful shall respect each other.

Knowing this fundamental truth makes me proud to be a Christian. I'll bet you join me in this. We are followers of the one whose flag says, "Peace on Earth, Good Will to All."

God bless you, my Friend. I look forward to seeing you in Church.

Your friend in Christ, *Pastor Tony*

### **1. NEW! The Welcome Church "Live Audio Broadcast Network".**

Can't get to Church? Want to hear the service from your computer - or share it with a friend?

#### **It's easy to access the MUMC Live Audio Broadcast Network:**

- Google "**WelcomeChurch.net**". That will take you to our new website (be sure that welcomechurch is one word).

- Under the picture of the Lion and Lamb, to the left, you'll see a menu bar.

**Click on "Worship".**

- **Then select "Live Stream".** Click on the "Play" arrow (if it's not already playing. Be sure to turn your computer's speakers up! If the system is on, you'll be! You and your friends can now listen to our services of worship from wherever you are - anywhere in the world! We intend to broadcast our services and special events

from Montgomery United Methodist Church on our [Welcome Church Live Audio Broadcast Network](#).

**Please note!** This live broadcast is **AUDIO ONLY** - intentionally so. There's no video, so everyone can use their imagination - like on the radio. Let me know if you listen in! Thank you! PT

## **2. Many Thanks!**

On behalf of all the congregation and Church leadership, we express our deep thanks to you for your generosity throughout the year, and in a special way through your gifts to the Thanksgiving and Christmas offerings. Your spirited generosity has done much to help our Church meet its debts and obligations, and to continue in ministry. God bless you, and thank you so very much!

## **3. More Thanks!**

Also, on behalf of the entire staff and myself, thank you so much for your wonderfully generous gifts to us through the Staff Gift Fund. Your gifts have made the holiday time all the brighter for all of us who serve our Church. Thank you, and God bless you! *Pastor Tony*

## **4. The Prayer List:**

Let us surround our loved ones and friends with the blessed power of prayer: • **Lucia Hackett**, Lisa Tarzia's Mother, going through a health challenge; (1/17/2016) • For **Connie Gray**, recovering from a fall; (01/03/2016) • For a family that has asked for your special prayer of blessing, strength, and divine order for **Emma, Alexa, and Emma's Grandparents**; (12/31/2016) • For **Miguel Cruz**, recovering after the resetting of his collar bone; • For the family of **Teresa Newman**, Julie Freehauf's aunt, who passed away on Friday, November 27<sup>th</sup>, 2015; (11/27/2015) • For **Marie Poelstra**, undergoing a health challenge; (11/18/2015) • For **Ernie Willson**, recovering from multiple bypass heart surgery; (11/18/2015) • For **Barbara Culbertson**, dealing with a health challenge; (11/8/2015) • For **Dr. Robert Gange**, a friend of our Church, dealing with a health challenge; (11/8/2015) • For **Guy Bys**, father of **Julia Bys**, who is recovering from an operation; (10/22/2015) • For **Robert Corlies**, step-father of Rich Specht, who is recovering from a stroke; (10/22/2015) • For **Lisa Drift**, for continued healing; (9/27/2015) • For **Sandi Bjornsen**, for continued healing (9/20/2015).

## **5. Happy Birthday to You!**

**January** - 1 Sharon Fantozzi; 1 Rohan Samuels; 3 - Becky Pugh; 3 Joey Cincotta; 3 Keith Fleischer; 3 Kieran Kessinger; 5 Carrie Heckle; 7 Mark Hewel; 7 Katie Specht; 8 Amanda Paul; 8 Catherine Paul; 9 Naty Ancheta; 10 Michelle Samuels; 11 Jack Callan; 12 Arlene Bougher; 12 Evan Hewel; 13 Mark Ruppert; 14 Sally Piller; 16

Caitlin Librizzi; 16 Gavin Lawrence; **19 Alba Lucia Thomas; 21 Tommy Lagerman; 22 Noah Quick; 24 Joseph Cooper;** 25 Anne Rodgers; 25 Jessica O'Dell; 25 David Stern; 26 Kaila Carter; 27 Melissa Dandy; 31 Jan Baldauf; 31 Sophia Sapienza

**6. Next Sunday, January 24, 2016**

Pastor Tony will be away on vacation next week. Bringing the sermon will be Mrs. Kemi Bankole, wife of Pastor Benkole of Trenton. We welcome her and look forward to the spirited and inspiring preaching.