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# Montrose Messenger

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## Join Us for Our March & April Sermon Series!

I don't know about you, but I have always been petrified of dancing. I used to be that guy who stood against the wall hoping someone would ask me to dance and praying no one did. That is a very bad place to be in life. Hoping, but not really. Following Jesus is much the same way. The Gospel message tells us that he invites us all off the wall and



by Pastor Michael

into the **Big Dance** if you will, of following him into the world. This time each year March consumes us with a month where 64 NCAA Basketball Teams are invited to what has been called the **Big Dance**. The quest of course is to end up at Indianapolis, Indiana for the Final Four. Many refer to this time of year as March Madness. Of course that "madness" takes on very different connotations to many.

It's a beautiful thing to see 5 persons running, jumping, and shooting their way to one goal. It's a beautiful thing to see teammates in step with each other. It's a beautiful thing to see the synchrony that can happen when teammates are on the same page with each other.

I think team sports is alluring and magnetic because we all see what's possible when a group of people are "in step" with each other.

There indeed is a madness in the air this time of year. Some of that madness does come from being out of step in the **"Big Dance"** with God. Some times we never get off the wall of life because we've never heard the invitation to take a step in a new direction. Sometimes we can no longer hear the music God has for us, what he wants us to dance to. Sometimes we're just embarrassed that taking a step toward Jesus might make us look foolish. Jesus' way of living his dance, if you will, looks quite a bit different than the kind of dancing that goes on in the world

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*He is like a tree planted by streams of water, which yields its fruit in season and whose leaf does not wither. Whatever he does prospers. —Psalm 1:3*

## A Message From Pastor Mike...

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around us. His dance is one of humility and grace. His dance leads him to a place called Golgotha where he laid it all down.

As we journey through March we'll be learning in Sunday morning worship and J&J groups what it might look like to be part of the really **Big Dance**, what it might look like to be in step with Jesus, to have one's life in synchrony with his ways. In April we'll follow that up with a message series on Sunday morning around **Spring Training**. Training is about a life of discipleship. Discipleship is just another way of talking about dancing our way through life with Jesus. The Gospels paint a portrait of Jesus inviting people into His Father's kingdom, of showing people what it would be like to live in His Father's Kingdom and then sending people into the world to be agents of that Kingdom. These two months will be a great opportunity for new folks to understand what it means to be a member of the Body of Christ at Montrose Zion by taking those three "steps" to heart.

It's time isn't it? It's time for you to enter the **Big Dance**. It's time for your own personal madness to end. Isn't it time for you to get off the wall? Isn't it time not to worry what you look like when you take a few new steps toward Jesus? Isn't it time to learn that God made you to dance?

*Blessings my friends,  
Pastor Michael*



## Church Musical Outreach Event: "Jesus Christ Superstar"

**P**LEASE mark your calendars now!

Our church will be performing the musical "Jesus Christ, Superstar" Friday, April 30 – Saturday, May 1 – Friday, May 7 – Saturday, May 8. Please mark your calendars and plan to attend! Just as important – plan to invite others!

Last year, our church's production of "The Cotton Patch Gospel" was attended by over 850 people and raised over \$12,000 for the ministries of our church! This year, with a well-known show like "Superstar," we are expecting an even bigger response, so we have added a fourth performance.

It is vital to understand the mission of the musical. We are attempting to connect people from the community to our church and to Jesus Christ. It's that simple. There are many people outside of our own church family in the production, and there will be MANY more who come to see the show. Since "Superstar" is a dramatic performance of the last week of the life of Jesus Christ, we hope that this musical will retell the greatest story ever told in a powerful way which will help connect people to Christ. So it is vital to understand the mission of what we are trying to do. We are not trying to entertain people; we are not even trying to raise funds for the ministry of our church...we are trying to connect people to Jesus Christ! Everything else is just a bonus.

As with last year's show, we need a lot of help from a lot of people in order to make this happen! We will once again be presenting the show as a dinner theatre, meaning we will



need a lot of help in the kitchen. We will need people to once again help us build the set, to sell tickets, to serve as greeters and ushers...we will need lots of help! Our hope is that everyone will find a way to get involved! The more people who help, the greater our outreach

to the community will become. Over the next few months, please look for sign-up lists in the Gathering Area of ways you can help.

**A bit about the show...**When "Superstar" first came out in the 1970's, it was considered controversial. This was primarily because the show was set to "rock" music...and "good" Christians didn't listen to "rock" music back then. But the show was also controversial because "Superstar" shows the "human" side of Jesus as well as the divine, which was unheard of back then. Today we recognize that Jesus was not only fully divine but also fully human, meaning he must have felt the same frustrations, sadness, and despair that all of us feel sometimes. This is what gives "Superstar" its true power – its portrayal of the feelings Jesus must have felt as he was betrayed, beaten, and crucified. This story, the greatest story ever told, combined with incredible music, makes "Superstar" a show not to be missed. Of course, we will stage and produce it in such a way that explains the story and brings glory to God.

So please mark your calendars and plan to attend! And PLEASE plan to invite others to attend! We can only connect people to our church and to Jesus Christ through efforts like the musical if YOU invite them to attend!

*Love, Pastor Matt*

## Youth Happenings...

### New York Mission Trip Fundraiser

We are doing a parent date night from 5:30-9:30 pm on Friday, March 19th. The youth will be watching kids so that parents can go on a date. We will be playing games, watching a movie and providing a meal. We will be accepting donations for the mission trip. Contact Steve!

### Project Shine

This Junior High Mission trip takes place June 21-25 for 5th-8th grade youth. Cost: \$100 provides you with 3 meals a day for the entire week, cozy place to sleep, snacks, Clay's Park ("Fun Day"), materials/supplies to work, speaker/band for entire week! Youth will be working on houses in the Kenmore area of Akron. This is a trip you don't want to miss! For more information contact Steve Nuzzo.

## Upcoming Events & Meetings...

### Brass Band of the Western Reserve Saturday, March 6 - 7:00 pm

#### Bible Builder Update:

Bible Builders, our pre-confirmation Bible study is for 4th and 5th graders. Contact: Mrs. Mangano (330.334.9277) and Mrs. Gamblin (330.865.7583). Service projects and in-house field trips included! Meeting dates: **March 21, April 18, May 16, 2010.**

#### Orchestra to Perform:

The Church Orchestra will play at both services (9am & 11am) on **Palm Sunday, March 28th.**

#### Professional Counselor Added to Church Staff:

Our church recently added a professional counselor as an adjunct staff member. His name is Grant Hollenbach, and he is a wonderful Christian. If you know people in need of personal counseling, marital counseling, career counseling, etc. who aren't sure where they can turn for help, we now have someone right here at our church who can. Please see Pastor Matt for more information.

#### Spring EDEN Eve Wednesdays at 6:00 pm April 21-June 2

#### Council On Ministries Tuesday, March 23 - 6:00 pm Tuesday, April 27 - 6:00 pm

Check out our web site for all the latest information. A Christian Education Brochure is available on line or at the Welcome Desk!

[www.mzumc.org](http://www.mzumc.org)

## A Note From Our Preschool Director...

We are taking registrations now for 2010-11!

**3 year old class:** Tuesday & Thursday  
9:00-11:30 am \$100 monthly

**3/4 year old class:** Mon., Wed., Fri.  
9:00-11:30 am \$125.00 monthly

**4 year old class:** Mon., Wed., Fri.  
9:00-11:30 am \$125.00 monthly

**Pre-K class:** Monday-Friday  
9:00-11:30 am \$150.00 monthly



Check out our preschool!  
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## Exciting Stuff In Children's Ministry!!



Wow! We have some really fun stuff going on in Children's ministry. Check it out!!!

### NEW SECURITY SYSTEM

Kids as well as Youth and Adult Volunteers: Please pick up your name tags on the cloth chart by the Kid's Spot in the Gathering Area. Parent's keep the claim number until picking up your child from his/her classroom. Any questions, contact Janel Darrin @ (330) 322-6782 or [janelings@roadrunner.com](mailto:janelings@roadrunner.com).

### 10:00 ROTATION SUNDAY SCHOOL

**MARCH** - Moses, the Wilderness and the 10 Commandments

**APRIL** - Easter (Trial and Crucifixion)  
9:00 and 11:00 Jr. Church in March/  
April - New Buzz Curriculum

### EASTER EGG COLORING AND EGG HUNT

**Saturday, April 3 @ 10:30 am**

KIDS! Bring your friends and as many eggs as you want to color! We will color eggs at 10:30, then have lunch and an egg hunt. We will need youth and adult volunteers.

If you are able to help organize the event, please contact Janel Darrin @ (330) 322-6782 or [janelings@roadrunner.com](mailto:janelings@roadrunner.com).

Bring your friends!





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**Order Deadline:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Pick up Dates:** \_\_\_\_\_

\*\*All order pick up times are Saturdays from  
9:30-11:00 am at MZUMC

Online March 14; Office March 15    March 20

Online April 11; Office April 12    April 17

Online May 12; Office May 13    May 22

Online June 13; Office June 14    June 19

**Contact Cindy Preston**  
**330.668.0120 or**  
**cmpreston@roadrunner.com**  
**if you have any questions.**

## THANK YOU...

"We've all heard many times that the Church is not a building but rather a COMMUNITY of followers of Jesus Christ.

With Community in mind, I would like to thank the Community of Montrose Zion United Methodist Church for all the expressions of 'Get Well' in the cards, phone calls and concerns during my recent back surgery and recuperation.

Thank you everyone for all your support and encouragement including Pastors Mike, Matt and Rev. Walt for all their visits, prayers and calls before and after surgery." *—Howard Macdonald*

## Prayer Concerns

Contact the Church Office:  
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Contact Al & Flo Wavle  
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