



Monthly Newsletter

July - August 2023

Sunday Worship: 8:30 a.m., 10:45 a.m.
2020 E. Washington St. Monticello, IL 61856

Check us out on our web site www.monticelloumc.com
217-762-2579

Welcome Pastor Anne!

We welcome Pastor Anne Ferguson to Monticello and our Church family!

Mission Opportunity

Our Midwest Mission Distribution team will serve on July 20 and August 10. If you would like to join them, please call the church office or Jean Holmes.

Did you Know...

...that so far this year our food pantry has had visits from over 60 different families from our community and our assistance program has helped 17 families facing temporary financial hardship? Thank you for your support, both financially and through volunteer efforts, as we continue to positively impact lives in our area.

Lap Blankets

15 fleece lap blankets for the Kirby Hospital infusion patients were completed in April and delivered in May. Thank you to all who donated fleece and/or contributed time to this special project

Women's Bible Study

The Women's Bible Study will not meet during the month of July.

Upper Room Devotionals

July August Upper Room devotionals are available in the entry and at the Welcome Center.

Transfer Chair

We now have a Transfer Chair available at the Main Entrance—it looks like a wheelchair but is much lighter weight. Thank you Yvonne Howland.

Our Sympathy...

- to Greg Alvis on the passing of his mother, Edra.
- to Kim Dancey on the death of her sister-in-law.
- Nancy Huisinga on the death of her husband, Dale
- Donna Davis on the death of her husband, Jerry and Ronn Davis on the death of his brother.

Fifth Sunday—1 Service

Our next fifth Sunday is July 30th. We will have one Worship Service at 10 am and Adult Sunday School at 9 am. Following service, we will have an all-church birthday party with a meal to celebrate the birthday of our church at our current location as well as each member of our church family!

Vacation Bible School

We are super excited about our Twists and Turns VBS. It will be held July 17th-21st from 6:15-8:15 pm here at MUMC. You can register on our church website under the Children's tab.

In order to make this VBS a success, we need MORE volunteers to help teach and serve our students. What can you do to add value to our students? How can you serve our students before, during, and after our VBS? We need what God has blessed you with!!! Please fill out the blue volunteer form in the back of the sanctuary, or see Melanie Burger. There is also a prayer calendar so that you can help cover our volunteers, students, and program in prayer.

Family Ministry News

Just a reminder that we will not be having our Kid's Choir or our Kid's Sunday School classes during the month of July and the first two weeks of August. This allows our hardworking teachers some time off and also builds excitement as we return on August 20th! We will have a fun fall kick-off on that Sunday morning! Enjoy this time with your family. Stay tuned for some pop-up family fun throughout the summer to fellowship, learn, and have fun with our Orchard families!

Newsletter Deadline

August 22 is the deadline for our September Newsletter.

Congratulations!

Crosby Eugene Anderson was born May 30! His parents are Annie (Shiley) and Logan and he has a big sister, Blair. Dave Shiley is Crosby's grandfather.

July-August Schedule

Sunday July 2

-Dessert pot-luck Rev. Anne, 2-4 pm

Monday July 10

-Outreach Committee Mtg, 10 am

Tuesday July 11

-Church Council, 7 pm

Thursday July 13

-Finance Comm. Mtg 6pm

Mon-Fri July 17-21

-Vacation Bible School

Thursday, July 20

-Midwest Missions

Sunday July 30

- All Church Birthday Party after combined service

Thursday, August 10

-Midwest Missions

Sunday, August 20th:

- Kids' Choir and Sunday School for all ages resume.
- Blessing of the Backpacks and Fall Kick-off
- Summer Singers Concert 3 pm.

Thank you...

- Our mowing crew—Jim Holmes, Ralph Young and Tom Rhoades.
- Daniel Merry for coordinating the last bit of concrete by our Fire Pit.
- Fred Erickson who has taken on the ministry of making coffee on Sunday mornings.

Email List

We try to communicate via email as much as possible. We have a weekly ENews that is sent on Mondays and our Newsletter is also sent out via email—please email the Church Office—office@monticelloumc.com if you would like to be added to the list.

Music News

Our wonderful and talented musicians of the music ministry ensembles are taking their summer hiatus and will not hold weekly rehearsals until the fall. Sanctuary Choir will continue to share music at 8:30 worship during the month of July and you are welcome to join us anytime.

We need YOU to share special music in worship during the month of August! Please speak with Kathy Brown if you would like to sing or play your instrument. What a wonderful way to bless our congregation.

The Monticello Summer Singers meet here at MUMC on Thursday nights, 6:30 - 8:00 PM. It's not too late to join them and anyone high school age or older is welcome! The finale concert for this wonderful community choir will be held on Sunday, August 20, at 3:00 PM here at the church. It is always a wonderful and well attended event. Mark your calendars now and be sure to attend!

Would you like to lead hymns in worship? Maybe you don't have time to join and be a regular member of the choir but have a talent for singing?! Is God leading you to share your talent with your church family? Speak with Kathy Brown or call the church office at 762-2579 for more information!

Mark your calendars! Rehearsals will resume for bell choir, Sanctuary Choir, and New Day on Wednesday, September 6. Come see what we are all about. We would love to have you join us in making a "JOYFUL" noise!!!

Youth News

June 18-23 we had our mission trip to West Virginia. We had 12 youth and 6 adult chaperones take part in this trip. The adults that went include: Kim Alvis, Jamie Hannah, Jim Holmes, Melissa Munster, Pall St. John and Will Pontious.

During our time in Charleston, our groups served at kids camps, worked in community gardens, worked in thrift shops and other projects to help out in the community. Overall, we had an amazing experience in Charleston and our youth made an impact that will last a lifetime!

Starting in August, regular youth group will resume again. Stay tuned for the starting and more details to come.

Also, we will have youth meals every Sunday like we have in the past! Please watch for the sign up sheet coming soon!

Volunteer Needed...

We are looking for a volunteer who will take home the dish towels that need to be washed. We have a container in the Kitchen marked Dirty Towels. If you are willing to volunteer, please call the Church Office.

From Rev. Kathy

Thank you for the past five years. You are all wonderful! We had many challenges and together we met them and our faith grew. Thank you also for the Retirement Reception. After 38.5 years of serving churches, it was a nice way to finish! I'm not sure when we'll make it to a ball game but always remember, GO CUBS and LOVE GOD-LOVE OTHERS.