



## **November/December 2020**

*Offering Jesus Christ to everyone through worship, prayer, study, mission, and fellowship.*

Sunday Worship: 8:30

Check us out on our web site [www.monticelloumc.com](http://www.monticelloumc.com)

### ***Covid-19 & Worship***

Ministry is still happening...in a different way. Zoom and FaceTime Live and the Radio have been a blessing. Our Bishop, Frank Beard, is highly recommending that we continue to not meet in-person. Until further notice our Worship services will be on FaceBook and the radio. Someone is in the Office from 9-12 pm Monday-Thursday.

### ***Consecration Sunday***

We gathered on November 15 to praise God and drop off our Pledge Cards for 2021. Did you know that our 2021 Budget supports:

- Radio Broadcasts each Sunday morning.
- Junior Kids Fellowship after school program as well as Vacation Bible School
- Youth Mission Trip
- Piatt County Ecumenical Food Pantry
- Upper Room Devotionals
- Missions including: Midwest Mission, Salary support for missionaries, UNICEF, Faith in Action and many more.

### ***Cookie Walk Re-imagined!***

Thank you to Chris Reetz and Gail Winteroth for organizing our First Cookie Drive Thru Event.

### ***Chaddock Gift Cards***

Thank you to all who contributed to the Chaddock Kids for Christmas--we sent over \$400.00 in gift cards and checks.

### ***Just Walking!***

This group meets via Zoom each Tuesday & Thursday morning at 8:30 a.m. for devotions, discussion and fellowship. Beginning December 1, we will be reading and The Journey by Adam Hamilton. If you'd like to join our online meetings, please contact Kathy Brown for Zoom login/password information. We'd love to have you join us anytime!

### ***Children's Ministry***

The kids have received an Advent book with activities plus their Advent Wreath. They have heard the story, *The Christmas Promise*, and each week there is a new lesson which follows the book.

### ***Midwest Mission***

#### ***Distribution Center***

Yes, we are still volunteering at the Midwest Mission Distribution Center. If you would like to participate please call the church office (762-2579)--we need to report how many will be attending a week in advance.

## ***Loose Change Offering***

Our Loose Change Offering for November was designated for the O'Dell Scholarship at Garrett Evangelical Theological Seminary and for December it is designated for Habitat--Piatt County.

## ***Thank you***

Thank you to the Scouts, the City of Monticello, and to all who organized, delivered flyers door to door, collected, sorted, and transported food items for the recent Food Drive. The Ecumenical Food pantry housed in the Monticello United Methodist Church was a recipient of half of the collected goods, and we are most appreciative to be able to restock our shelves. On behalf of those who seek our assistance for hunger relief, we whole-heartedly express our gratitude.

I would like to thank everyone for their cards, prayers and calls during Ed's recent illness and death. --Mary Sergent

## ***Our Sympathy***

- To Mary Sergent on the death of her husband, Ed.

## ***Youth News!***

The ever-changing School Covid Cases and Close Contact Quarantines has made advanced planning extremely difficult in the Youth Ministry World! Please be watching Group Me and parent Emails for updates on our weekly meetings and activities!

Our Summer Mission Trip will be to Milwaukee, WI.

**Fun Fact:** Carolyn Kleven has donated 28 gallons of blood! Great job!

## ***Prayer Meeting***

We have been meeting for prayer each Tuesday at 7 pm via Zoom. You are invited to join us. Go to Zoom.us and use the following information: The meeting ID number is 266 994 4799 and the password is 756404.

## ***Food Pantry***

Yes, we are still open every Tuesday and Thursday. We have returned to preparing boxes for our clients during this Tier 3 mitigation. We plan to invite them back into our building as soon as it is safe.

## ***From Rev. Kathy***

How do we spread the love of Jesus in our community and beyond? I have heard so many stories of how you are doing it--it warms my heart. You are calling your neighbor or the person who sat in your row at church; you have delivered cookies; you have sent cards; you have taken folks to their doctor's appointment; you have prayed; you have donated to Chaddock Children's Home; you have donated to the Piatt County Toy and Gift program; you have donated to our Food Pantry; and the list goes on.

I have heard so many wonderful comments about our Drive - Thru event when you received an Advent Wreath. I'm anxiously awaiting our Cookie Drive-Thru event this weekend. We are learning new ways to do ministry in this age of a pandemic!

Thanks be to the Holy Spirit who continues to move among us. Emmanuel has come to us!