



October 2021

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

Sunday Worship: 8:30 & 10:45 AM Check us out on our web site www.monticelloumc.com

Office Hours: 9-12 noon, Monday-Thursday Closed on Friday 217-762-2579

One Worship Service

October 31

We will have **one** Worship service on Sunday, October 31 at 10 am. We will have chili following--

Let's Reconnect

The Stewardship Committee and Fun & Fellowship Committee have been busy planning ways for us to Re-Connect. The pandemic has changed how we do things--we are excited about our plans in October for folks to reconnect in-person and virtually.

Midwest Mission Distribution Center

Our next trip is **October 14, 7:30 a.m.** Bring a sack lunch and meet in the church parking lot. 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.

Our Sympathy to...

- To the family of Rose Smith
- To the family of Betty Frye
- To the family of Connie Hendrix

Tent and Treat Stations

We are in need of people and groups willing to set up tents and tables for our Tent and Treat event on **Sunday, October 24**. The time will be 3-4:30 pm. There is a sign-up sheet on the Hospitality Desk in the Atrium. We are unsure if we will be inside or outside or both--the weather and covid-19 will influence our decision.

All Saints Sunday

We will celebrate All Saints Sunday on Sunday, November 7. If you would like a friend or loved one remembered, please give their name to Rev. Kathy.

Charge Conference

Our annual Church meeting (known as Charge Conference will be Wednesday, October 6 at 7 pm at 1st UMC in Decatur.

Like to Clean?

We are looking for 4-5 individuals who would like to help clean our kitchen. The dates for cleaning are October 23 at 9 am and October 25 at 9 am. Doughnuts and coffee will be provided! If you are interested, please contact Gail Winterroth, Karen Roberts, or the Church Office.

Meetings & Events...

Sunday, October 3

World Communion Sunday

Tuesday, October 5

Zoom Prayer, 7 pm

Wednesday, October 6

Charge Conference, 7 pm, Decatur 1st

Tuesday, October 12

Memorial Committee, 10 am

Zoom Prayer, 7 pm

Stewardship Committee, 7 pm

Wednesday, October 13

Investment Committee, 4 pm

Sunday, October 17

Bibles presented to 2nd Graders

Tuesday, October 19

Zoom Prayer, 7 pm

Saturday, October 23

Clean Kitchen, 9 am

Sunday, October 24

Tent or Treat, 3-4:30 pm

Monday, October 25

Clean Kitchen, 9 am

Tuesday, October 26

Zoom Prayer, 7 pm

Sunday, November 7

All Saints Sunday

Just Walking!

This group meets each Tuesday & Thursday morning at 8:30 AM for devotions, discussion, and walking. Join us anytime! Questions? Contact Kathy Brown at the Church office

Let's Do Lunch!

Join us for lunch at Monticello Golf Course on **Sunday, October 17, at 12 PM!** **Reservations required!** Please call the church office (762-2579) and let us know if you're able to join us and how many will be in your party! **Reservations must be received no later than Monday, October 11, at noon.**

Youth Meals

Would you like to bless our Youth with a Sunday evening Fellowship Meal? Grab some friends, your Sunday School Class, or your activity group and love on our youth!!

At the time of this writing-we still have the following dates available: Oct. 17, Oct. 24, Nov. 14, Dec. 5, Dec. 12

Contact Natalie if you are interested!

Food Pantry and Community Assistance Program

Our Food Pantry continues to be open every Tuesday and Thursday afternoons--thank you to all of our volunteers who help staff it! Our Community Assistance program has disbursed \$33,389.01 as of September 13.

October Youth News!

Sunday Oct. 3: Middle School Youth at 5:00 p.m., Youth Fellowship Meal (combined groups) at 6:00 p.m. and High School Youth at 6:30 p.m.

Thursday Oct. 7: HS only Breakfast Club meeting at 7 a.m. at Fro-Yo.

Sunday, Oct. 10: Combined Youth Special Event-Details to be announced.

Sunday, Oct 17: Middle School Youth at 5:00 p.m., Youth Fellowship Meal (combined groups) at 6:00 p.m. and High School Youth at 6:30 p.m.

Thursday, Oct. 21: HS Only Breakfast Club at Fro-Yo at 7:00 a.m.

Sunday, Oct. 24: Middle School Youth at 5:00 p.m., Youth Fellowship Meal (combined groups) at 6:00 p.m. and High School Youth at 6:30 p.m.

Sunday, Oct. 31: No Youth Group Tonight

Sounds of Christmas

Rehearsals have resumed and it is great to have the music ministry up and running again! You'll want to mark your calendars now for Sunday, December 12 when the **Sounds of Christmas** concert takes place in our Sanctuary.

This annual event involves groups from every facet of the music ministry team; Choir, Bells, New Day, Those Guys, Our Children, and various special soloists.

This year, the event will be anchored by the performance of the Christmas Cantata ***Night of the Father's Love***, presented by the choir. This stunning choral work will capture all the mystery, awe, and excitement of that night so long ago in a Christmas mosaic that combines fragments of familiar carols with unique perspective in word and music.

Make plans to join us and be sure to include the **Sounds of Christmas** as part of your holiday tradition!

Piatt County Toy and Gift

The Piatt County Toy and Gift program is entering its 37th year of providing toys and gifts for children of low income families. This program relies fully on donations from townships, businesses, churches, organizations, and individuals. After a family goes through the process to qualify, they supply a list of gifts, clothes and toys for the children, ages newborn to 18, wanted and needed. Shoppers help to fill the list within the monetary guidelines. The Toy and Gift program also gives away socks, toothbrushes and toothpaste, warm coats, hats, gloves, wrapping paper, tags, and bows.

How can you help make Christmas brighter for Piatt County families this year? Money

is the easiest contribution. Martha is also collecting good, used winter coats in all sizes. (Remember that some kids are adult sized.) Another way to help is if you have received a "gift" that you will not use, bring it to the church and put it in the box that is designated for the Toy program. These could include shampoo, lotion, jewelry, unused children's toys, and of course winter hats and gloves. Last year gifts were provided to 100 children! If you have any questions, or need things picked up, call Martha Morris (217-369-7154).

Rules of the Road

Rules of the Road will be offered at MUMC on Tuesday, October 26th at 9am. If you have questions, please call the church office.

October is Pastor Appreciation Month!

Thank you Pastor Kathy for your leadership and dedication to the Monticello United Methodist Church. "And I will give you Pastors according to my heart, which shall feed you with knowledge and understanding." Jeremiah 3:15 KJV translation

