



**September 2020**

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### ***Return to In-Person Worship***

Yes! You are invited in to our Sanctuary at 10:45 am each Sunday! We ask that you call or email the church by Thursday at 10 am your reservation. We are currently accepting up to 50 reservations--and we have plenty of room for you!

We will continue with Facebook Live and the radio for the 8:30 am service. Thank you for your patience.

### ***Our Sympathy***

- to the Family of Effie Brown who died July 11.
- to Matt Crawford on the death of his father, Greg on August 16.
- to Jim and Steve Ayers on the death of their step-mother, Helen, on August 16.

### ***Upper Rooms***

Upper Rooms may be picked up in the main entryway, 9 am-12noon Monday-Thursday.

### ***Midwest Mission***

We are scheduled to go on Tuesday, September 15. If you are interested in going, please contact Jean Holmes.

### ***Zoom Prayer Time***

We continue to have a time of Prayer on Tuesdays at 7 pm via Zoom. The meeting ID number is 266 994 4799 and the password is 756404. All are welcome!

### ***Welcome!***

We welcome Cooper and Molly Rost into our church family through the sacrament of Holy Baptism. Their parents are Elizabeth and Brandon Rost and grandparents are Susan and David Shiley.

### ***Congregational Care***

The covid-19 pandemic has made it more challenging to connect with our Church family. We do care and we do want you to know that we care. In the next 6-8 weeks we will be identifying groups of 6-7 families. We will have one person in charge of each group. The person in charge will agree to pray for all in their group and contact individual members every two months. Please be in prayer for this ministry--more information will follow.

### ***Food Pantry News***

Yes, we are continuing to serve folks on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons. We are accepting Food donations Mon-Thursday, 9 am - 12 noon at our main entrance.

We currently are not allowing our clients into our Pantry. We will be contacting our volunteers when it is safe for them to return.

### ***Wedding Bells***

Abby Vanderkloot and Chris Zeimetz were married on Saturday, August 8.

## ***Blessing of Backpacks***

Oh how we enjoy seeing the kids celebrate a new school year! We pray for all of the kids, teachers, staff and parents entering this uncertain time. Wherever you are beginning your school year, we are praying for a safe, productive, and fun year!

## ***Bibles***

Our 2nd graders receiving Bibles this year include: Annie Blacker, Khloe Hendrix, Wyatt Lawhead, Makenna Meece, Abby Pilcher, and Mason Trueblood. If you know of anyone we have missed, please call the Church Office.

## ***Thursday Night Hymn Sing-Along!***

Who doesn't LOVE a hymn sing!? We have had great response to our Thursday night Face Book Live version of what we're calling... a "hymn sing-along".

It's been wonderful to feel connected to each other just by knowing that we are all singing "together - but separate"! COVID-19 has changed many things in the world but it has not changed our love of praising God through song!

We hope you'll jump on FB each Thursday evening at 6:30 PM as Gloria and Kathy go "live" to take requests and lead you in singing your favorite hymns from the safety and comfort of your living room easy chair!

Need a hymnal? Stop by the church, M-Th (9-12), and pick one up. Not comfortable getting out just yet? No problem. Call the church and we'll bring a hymnal to you!

## ***Youth News***

School will soon be in session, which means Youth Ministry will also be gaining momentum into the School Year! We are excited that in September we will be welcoming new 6th graders into our Middle School group! Youth (Incoming 6th through 12th graders) and their Parents should be watching their email, our Group Me App (let Natalie know if you need added), our weekly announcement email and our new MUMC app for specific dates and details! Here is a sneak peek at what September will hold for our Youth! Breakfast Club will again begin meeting at 7:00 a.m. prior to School, Sunday Night Youth Group will re-launch with a pizza party and then dive into a new Movie Series, plans are forming for the re-launch of our Whole Hearts mission small group and our brand new Walking Devotion group! We are excited to kick off this new year and spend time together again!

## ***YOUTH MEALS***

Due to Covid-19 restrictions, we are unable to provide our weekly youth meal in our typical fashion (food made and then served buffet/cafeteria style), but we still want to be able to have a Youth Fellowship Meal Monthly! We are looking for groups, classes, or persons that are willing to financially sponsor a meal for our Middle/High School Youth. The funds would be used to purchase foods such as pizza, subway platters, etc that can easily be individually distributed to the youth. Our first need is Sept. 13th which is our Pizza Youth Group Kick-off Night! Please contact Natalie at [Nmcdowell@monticelloumc.com](mailto:Nmcdowell@monticelloumc.com) if your group is willing to help!

## ***Upcoming Meetings...***

Office closed Monday, September 7 for Labor Day

Trustees--Sept 9 at 5:30 pm at the Parsonage  
Prayer Walk at Allerton--Sept 13 at 3-4:30p

Finance Committee--Sept 17 at 6:30 pm at the church

Church Council--Sept 22 at 7pm on zoom

## ***Kids' Ministry***

While we continue to pause JKF in person, we are hosting a study on The Lord's Prayer. We are going to talk about its meaning and how we use it every day. I will post videos weekly with the lesson so kiddos can participate at a time convenient to them. We will also be offering a handful of in person times to gather for a related activity. More information will be coming home soon. We will begin September 16th.

## ***Changes in the Food Pantry***

Beginning September 1st, we will welcome clients back into the building to do their own shopping. Appointments are still necessary.

Procedures include:

- Wait in your car until you are invited in to shop.
- 1 person from each family will come in at a time.
- Wear your mask.
- Sanitize upon entry.
- Please only grab what you intend to take.
- Carts will be sanitized after clients are finished.

## ***Food Pantry Needs***

Low salt/no salt foods

Low sugar/no sugar foods

Pancake Syrup

Hamburger Helper

Cut Green Beans

Graham Crackers

Club Crackers

Toilet Paper