

# The Monticello Messenger

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**Sundays**  
**Small Groups 9:00 a.m.**  
**Fellowship 10:00 a.m.**  
**Worship 10:30 a.m.**

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## Welcome to the First Issue of the Monticello Messenger!

This monthly newsletter will be published by the 10th of the month. Look for our monthly newsletter to arrive in your e-mail inbox. To sign up online, go to [www.getgod.info/Connect/E-communications](http://www.getgod.info/Connect/E-communications) or <http://www.getgod.info/e-communications>.

A printed copy can be mailed to you if you don't have a computer. Please call the church office to request a printed copy of the newsletter.

The deadline for newsletter submissions will be the 3rd of each month. Please e-mail your submission to Jennifer Kullberg at [jennifer.kullberg@getgod.info](mailto:jennifer.kullberg@getgod.info). The church reserves the right to edit any information for content and grammar.

## A Message From Pastor Connie

Greetings everyone!

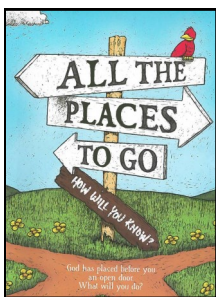
I am excited about the opportunity to connect with you in an additional way, other than on Sunday mornings. My goal is to know each of you better and to have you know me as well. The goal of the monthly newsletter is to connect with one another more deeply, sharing what is happening in, through and around Monticello so everyone is informed.

For this initial newsletter I would like to share some observations and themes... One of the statements I hear consistently is, "Monticello feels like home." Indeed, I have heard this a lot since I arrived nine months ago! "It feels like my hometown church, the one I grew up in." "We don't feel at home at a large church where people don't know each other." Well, we don't always all know one another either! As we move forward, Monticello will be even more intentional about connecting with each other.

The other thing I hear in conversations in smaller groups is that once we hear someone's story, there is always some connection. Everyone has a story. People deserve a place of safety in which to share their story. I believe that Monticello is such a place! We discover that we went to school together, that our parents knew one another, that we have shared experiences and geographies, in addition to knowing many of the same people in far away places. I pray we can share many more stories in the coming months.

And, we are all part of a bigger story, God's story! I am excited about what God has done through Monticello over these past 150 years! God is present and working in, with and through this congregation. The signs are everywhere. As we celebrate this anniversary year, I pray that God will guide and direct us into a blessed future. Together, we have the privilege of seeking God through prayer, worship, study and service. May we be faithful as we embark on the next 150!

Looking forward,  
Pastor Connie



## Current Sermon Series "All The Places To Go"

- April 12**– The Open Door
- April 19**– Door #1, Door #2
- April 26**– How to Cross the Threshold
- May 3**– The Jonah Complex
- May 10**– Thank God for Closed Doors

## Celebrating 150 Years of Ministry in 2015

Join the 150th anniversary celebration team! A team is now forming to gather ideas about the celebration and put them into action. Please contact Jennifer Kullberg in the church office ([jennifer.kullberg@getgod.info](mailto:jennifer.kullberg@getgod.info) or 913-441-1435).

## Our Mission Statement

To make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world by loving and serving God, connecting others and growing in faith.



**Children's Ministry  
Godly Play  
by Janet Williams  
Children's Ministry Director**



Want to know what are our children are doing downstairs at Godly Play on Sunday? Well here is a little insight on just what we have been doing in 2015. In January we were in "The Rehearsal Room" and we were learning about "Commitment" by praying, listening and talking to God. In February we were experiencing "Undercover Kindness" and ways we can show "Kindness." In March we were on a road trip, while hearing that all too familiar question "Are We There Yet?" and learning "Patience." While we celebrated with our families on Easter Sunday, we are now in "Conflict Kitchen" where we will be learning how to make "Peace."

Our Bible stories for April include: "Walk Like a Peacemaker" (Isaac's Wells), "Let It Go" (Esau makes peace with Jacob), and "Saved by Abigail" (Abigail Intervenes). We also have been hard at work on sewing finger puppets to send to orphanages all around the world for our Mission project. The children are doing such a great job!

As you can see we are keeping busy and learning about God's love and love for others. We would love for you to join us and we are looking for Ministers (you!) to help with this program. Choose a Sunday to help and sign up at the Connection Point. YOU can make a difference for our children. Thank You!

**Youth Ministry**

David Walz's last day will be May 11. Join us in prayer for our youth as we interview candidates for just the right person to serve as youth director.

**Church Committees and Teams  
Share Your Ministry News Here!**

Church leadership, this is a great way for you to share what your ministry team is doing to further God's work through Monticello UMC. Please e-mail a brief article to Jennifer Kullberg in the church office at [jennifer.kullberg@getgod.info](mailto:jennifer.kullberg@getgod.info) by the 3rd of the month.

**Financial Report**

You will receive a letter in the mail from the Finance Committee by May 1.

**Mission Ministries  
by Janet Williams**

It's time to get your "Serve On"! **Did you know Volunteer Week is celebrated April 12<sup>th</sup> through April 18<sup>th</sup>?** Twenty-eight church members and friends served on Sack It Sunday last weekend by folding 20,000 bags for the Harvester's "Stamp Out Hunger" Campaign. Many more brought non-perishable food items for the campaign. We will take the folded bags and food items to Harvesters on April 17th.

We have a another service opportunity for you on **Saturday, April 18<sup>th</sup>**. Join us and go to Grand Avenue Temple to feed the hungry and experience God's Love in Action. We will meet at 9:00 a.m. at MUMC and return by 2:30 p.m.

If you aren't able to participate in this service opportunity, volunteer in your own way. Reach out and help someone in need. God smiles when you do!



We welcome the following **NEW MEMBERS** to Monticello UMC. Be sure to introduce yourself!



**John and Dixie Miller**

The Milers have three adult children: John, Sabrina and Lana



**The Sharp Family**

Adam and Casey Sharp (Grayson, 5 months old)



**The Powell Family**

John and Karen (Jordan, 7 and Alexandra, 6)

## Adult Ministry

**Pathfinders** is a traditional Sunday School class for adults that gathers on Sundays at 9:00 a.m. in room 200. Journey through the Bible, study, fellowship, and connect with others. This class is led by Jim Reynolds. The current study is Proverbs. Join us!

### United Methodist Women

The United Methodist Women's Organization (UMW) serves approximately 800,000 women from churches all around the world. Monticello United Methodist Church has a chapter of UMW here on site as our partner in ministry. We invite you to participate in women's opportunities to grow in faith, hope, and love.

**Doing for Others** is a circle that gathers on Wednesdays at 10:00 a.m. to knit prayer lap blankets. Join them for fellowship, connection, and service by using your gifts!

**Spirit Circle** is a monthly opportunity to connect with other women, deepen faith, and lift spirits. For more information call the church at 913-441-1435.

### United Methodist Men

Monticello has an active UMM group that meets monthly for breakfast, study, devotion, and fellowship. UMM also serves at a variety of events throughout the year including the "Potato Drive" to feed those who are hungry. They host an annual golf tournament. Plus, UMM offers men who desire to serve others an opportunity to do so through various work projects around the church and the community. For more information call the church at 913-441-1435.

## Birthdays and Anniversaries

We want to celebrate milestones with you!

### April Birthdays

Debby Likes	Johnnie Lee Kueker	Paul Elliott
Teresa Lynn	Debbie Scanton	Patrick Reanier
Vicky Musick	Mike Triebel	Mark Scanton
Betty Hunter	Shelley Latessa	Ami Johnson
Evelyn Levens	Maureen Woolever	Brian Flinn
Jacob Braley	Mya O'Brien	Ira Likes
Cindy Hedges	Cooper Cosgrove	Joseph Mocca
John Powell	Charlie Fitzgerald	Adam Sharp

### Wedding Anniversaries

Are you celebrating a wedding anniversary of 25 years or more next month? Send your information to [jennifer.kullberg@getgod.info](mailto:jennifer.kullberg@getgod.info) by the 3rd of the month in order to be included in the newsletter.



## Road Closure Effects Monticello United Methodist Church

The 75<sup>th</sup> St. one lane bridge just west of K-7 is closed and will be under construction for 4 weeks. To get to Monticello UMC, exit at 83<sup>rd</sup> St., head west to Gleason, then head north to 75<sup>th</sup> St to find us.

## Weekly E-News

Sign up to receive our weekly E-News. To sign up online, go to [www.getgod.info/Connect/E-communications](http://www.getgod.info/Connect/E-communications) or <http://www.getgod.info/e-communications>. Previous issues of the E-News are available on this Web page.

## Prayer Joys and Concerns

Let us know how we can pray for you. Fill out the online prayer request online at [www.getgod.info/Connect/Prayer Requests](http://www.getgod.info/Connect/Prayer Requests) or <http://www.getgod.info/prayer-requests>. You may also call the church office at 913-441-1435 or e-mail [church.office@getgod.info](mailto:church.office@getgod.info). Prayer request cards are available in the sanctuary pews. All you need to do is fill one out and place it in the offering plate.



## Calendar

To view our entire church calendar, go to [www.getgod.info/Connect/Church Calendar](http://www.getgod.info/Connect/Church Calendar) or <http://www.getgod.info/connect-with-us/events-calendar>.

## Upcoming Events

### Serve at Lazarus' Table

**Saturday, April 18 9:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.**

Serve a meal to the homeless at Lazarus' Table at Grand Avenue Temple UMC. Ten to twelve volunteers are needed. All volunteers must be 18 or over (or at least be 14 years old and accompanied by a parent/guardian). We'll gather in Monticello's parking lot, then head to Grand Avenue Temple in Kansas City, MO. Contact Janet Williams at [janet.williams@getgod.info](mailto:janet.williams@getgod.info).

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