

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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Meet Our New District Superintendent

You are invited to a worship service celebrating the appointment of Reverend Bruce L. Emmert as our new Kansas City District Superintendent.

- The service will be held on **August 9, 2015** at 4:00 p.m. at St. Paul's United Methodist Church, 7740 Lackman Rd, Lenexa.
- Dress casually and comfortably (after all, it is a Sunday afternoon ... in Kansas ... in August!)
- Bruce will preach on John 15, "Are We More than Ornamental?"
- Bishop Scott Jones will preside over communion.
- Most of the Great Plains District Superintendents will be in attendance.

A Message From Pastor Connie

The summer is coming to an end and school will begin in the next two weeks for most.

I am looking forward to a "school year" routine and a more set schedule. Maybe it's because summer worship is so different. Many of you are gone during the summer months for various reasons and it just doesn't feel the same not seeing you on a more regular basis. That being said, I hope you had a blessed summer and that all are looking forward to a homecoming or reunion this fall. Don't forget to save the date for the 150th Celebration in September!

There are many things happening. Our new youth director, Jay Weisner (pronounced Weezner), will be introduced on **August 16** and will begin working with our youth and their families the following week. He has a wonderful plan for developing ministry here!

Monticello Christian Children's Center will be welcoming not only new students, but new teachers as well! I invite you to all pray with me about how we can partner in even more meaningful ways to enhance the lives of families who are served by the preschool!

In mid-August you can look for a new Monticello UMC web presence. You'll be hearing more about that in the next few weeks. We will also be installing our new server in the next couple of weeks and ask you to bear with us if there are any interruptions in our communications for a couple of days. With that installation, we will be shifting from our old database to a new one, which should be more accurate and efficient. The goal of all these things is better communication for all of us.

As always, I want to express my gratitude for all who serve Monticello in a multitude of ways, visible and invisible. There are many tasks that happen behind the scenes! I hope we express our thanks when we notice someone serving God in and through this church.

I hope to see you in church on Sunday as we continue our sermon series: The Christian Atheist. We will celebrate Holy Communion on August 9 and August 16 will be special Sunday for our children and for our youth! See you soon!

Grace and Peace, Pastor Connie

All Church Potluck Sunday, August 16

We'll gather in Fellowship Hall immediately following worship to welcome our new Youth Director, Jay Weisner, and celebrate Monticello's children



receiving their Bibles.

Celebrating 150 Years of Ministry in 2015

Saturday, September 12 and Sunday, September 13

Below is a tentative schedule for this special weekend.

Saturday– Chapel tours beginning at 4:00 p.m.
Children's activities from 4:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.
Opening of the Time Capsule at 5:00 p.m.
Dinner at 5:30 p.m.
Entertainment at 6:30 p.m.

Sunday– Celebration Worship at 10:30 a.m.
The Rev. Dr. Bruce Emmert will be preaching.

Our Mission Statement

To make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.



Wake-Up Call

By Janet Williams
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Sometimes I ponder on what to write for the newsletter, sometimes I pray to God for what to write and to my astonishment

when I ask Him, He always guides me. It may come from a Memory Bible Verse that we will be covering in Godly Play or sometimes a song that I hear on the radio, or perhaps from a sight that is so beautiful that you know only God could be responsible for it. I call them my "Wake-Up Calls," otherwise known as "Janet, Can You Hear Me Now?" "Are You Paying Attention?" This time proves to be no different.

I was reviewing material for Godly Play for October, and yes, I said "October" and I found these items that spoke to me and that I hope speaks to you. The Life Application for this particular month is: "Individuality"- discovering who you are meant to be so "You" can make a difference. Isn't that what we all strive for and want to teach our children? That we can make a difference in our lifetime. The next phrases were from the Bottom Lines listed for the following weeks. They are as follows Week #1: Jesus wants to use "Your Story" to make a difference. Week #2: When You discover "Your Gifts," You can make a difference. Week #3: When We use "Our Gifts" together, We can make a greater difference. Week #4: "You" Can Make a Difference Right Now! Did you notice how many times the word "You" is mentioned? **Yes, it's all about "YOU!" Jesus wants YOU to make a difference!**

God gave us all gifts, some the same, some different. Sometimes we can make a difference alone and sometimes we make a greater difference when we serve together. The point is that we use those gifts to do just that, "Serve" and "Make a Difference" in a way that God leads You to. You might serve by donating blood at the upcoming Blood Drive on August 24th, or you might serve by serving lunch to Sojourners at Grand Avenue Temple, this Saturday, August 8th. Maybe you're a handy-person and can use your gifts at Christmas in October on October 10th, sprucing up homes for those in need. You could serve by volunteering to help clean the church, or perhaps help out with the landscaping. You may want to be a part of the "Caring Community," by visiting those in the hospital and those who are unable to attend church. You could support our Preschool Program (perhaps volunteer to come in a read to the kids once a week) or You could volunteer to start up a Sunday School group, join United Methodist Women or United Methodist Men, who focus on Missions. You could join us as a Volunteer Minister at Godly Play, where you make a difference in the life of a child. As you can see the list is endless, **YOU just have to look, listen and trust to where God leads You.** He'll keep you on the right path, He's got it all figured out and He's with YOU all the way!

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The Christian Atheist Through August 23 Upcoming Sermons

August 9- When you say you believe in God, but trust more in money. (Communion)

August 16- When you say you believe in God, but don't share your faith. (Children receive their Bibles)

August 23- When you say you believe in God, but not His Church!

August 30- Back to School: Lessons for All Ages



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First Day of Classes: Monday, August 17



Calling All Children! Joyful Noise Children's Music group

The Joyful Noise Children's Music group will begin meeting again on **Sunday, September 20**. The group is open to all children ages four years through 5th grade and meets on Sunday mornings from 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. downstairs in the children's center. Children in Joyful Noise will get the chance to enjoy singing, playing hand chimes, learning bible stories and songs, playing music games and will have several chances to help lead the congregation in worship on Sunday mornings. This group does require the completion of a short registration form that can be completed at www.getgod.info or click here: <http://www.getgod.info/what-s-happening/joyfulnoisebeginssept20>

For more information or questions, please contact our Director of Vocal Music and Worship Leader, Kim Demings, at kim.demings@getgod.info or following worship on Sunday mornings.

Missions Opportunities for Everyone!

Lazarus's Table at Grand Avenue Temple Saturday, August 8 at 9:00 a.m.

Come and join us as we serve a meal for those who are homeless. This is a chance to serve along with the Lazarus's Ministries Staff in preparing and serving a meal for the Sojourners at Lazarus's Table at Grand Avenue Temple UMC. We need 10 to 12 volunteers, but more are always welcome. All volunteers must be 18 years old or over (or be at least 14 years old and have a parent or grandparent present and working with them). We will meet in Fellowship Hall at 9:00 a.m. to gather and then carpool to Grand Avenue Temple. We will arrive back to Monticello by 2:30 p.m. Grand Avenue Temple is located at 205 E. 9th Street, Kansas City, Missouri. You may sign up at the Connection Point, or contact the church office at 441-1435. If you have questions, please contact Janet Williams at janet.williams@getgod.info.



Community Blood Center Blood Drive Monday, August 24 (3:00 -7:00 p.m.)

Come on in and beat the summer heat! We need your blood and by donating blood you not only save one life, you save two! Sign-up at

the Connection Point. The blood drive will be held in Fellowship Hall.



Join Us For Lunch on Wednesdays

The Lunch Bunch gathers on Wednesdays at 12:00 p.m. in

Fellowship Hall. Bring a dish to share (homemade or store bought– it doesn't matter). Invite a friend or two and enjoy fellowship and food. We'll go out for lunch on **September 2**. Look for details later this month.

Planning for the 2015-2016 Year

Please go to www.getgod.info to request facility space for meetings, classes, rehearsals, etc for the upcoming year. If you have an event for which you need to request facility space, there is a separate online form. These forms can be found at www.getgod.info under the "Connect" tab. Contact Jennifer in the church office at jennifer@getgod.info if you have any questions.



Sing a New Song! Chancel Choir Retreat

Come and join us at the chancel choir retreat on **Saturday, August 22** from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. as we kick off a new year of music and fellowship. The choir is open to

everyone 7th grade and older. No audition or experience is required. This is a wonderful way to be a part of a small group ministry and congregational ministry at the same time! **Regular, weekly choir rehearsals will resume on Wednesday, August 26** (6:30-8:00 p.m.) For more information about the retreat or questions about the choir, please contact our Director of Vocal Music and Worship Leader, Kim Demings at kim.demings@getgod.info or following worship on Sunday mornings. Hope to see you there!



MontiBello Ringers (Handbells)

Come ring in the fun! Montibello Ringers will begin rehearsals on **Tuesday, August 25** from 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. in Room 200. If you have any questions or would

like to know more, please contact Lisa Draper at lisa.draper@getgod.info.

Adult Ministry in August



United
Methodist
Women

United Methodist Women *All women are invited!*

UMW is very active at Monticello. Join us for any and all activities.

-Saturday, Aug. 8 at 9:00 a.m.: Potluck Breakfast and Spiritual Retreat at Shelter House #6, Shawnee Mission Park (In case of rain-out, meet in Fellowship Hall)

-Wednesday, Aug. 19 at 9:30 a.m.: "Doing For Others Circle". We'll gather in Fellowship Hall to work on lap blankets.

- Thursday, Aug. 27 at 7:00 p.m.: Spirit Circle at Maureen Woolever's home. Everyone is welcome! If you would like to receive an e-mail with details, contact the church office at 913-441-1435.



United Methodist Men

Monticello United Methodist Men will gather next in September.

Birthdays and Anniversaries

We want to celebrate milestones with you!

If you'd like your birthday and/or wedding anniversary included on the slides in Fellowship Hall and in the newsletter, sign up at the Connection Point or call the church office at 913-441-1435.



August Birthdays

Charles Bowers 2	Richard Abels 10
Mathew Triebe 4	A.J. Hanson 10
Gladys Carns 10	Linkyn Turner 12
Gary Washburn 16	Sue Mitalski 15
Debi Sokol 18	Kendan Powers 23
Andy Cockrum 22	Audrey Jones 26
Doris Housh 26	Reece Riedel 27
Jason Smith 9	Blake Neis 30
	John Miller 3
	Vicki Spiess 19
	Jim Hutton 14

August Anniversaries

Vern & Ester Searls	Aug. 3	68 years
Steve & Debby Likes	Aug. 13	44 years
Wes & Margaret Moore	Aug 16	46 years
Keith & Marilyn Boaz	Aug. 18	25 years
Carl & Denea Lovern	Aug. 26	15 years
Chris & Ami Johnson	Aug. 28	22 years
Richard & Cindy Abels	Aug. 29	35 years

Notes of Thanks

-Many thanks for the prayers, cards and dinners during my recovery. I am so grateful and greatly appreciate the many acts of kindness.

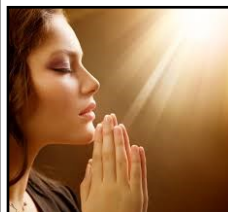
Sincerely, Anna Wood and family

-A big thank you for all of the prayers for Melissa.

Mike, Brenda and Vivian Triebel

New Website Coming Soon!

Monticello UMC will have a new Web site design and lay out later this month. The new address will be www.monticello-umc.org. (www.getgod.info will redirect to our new site). Contact Jennifer Kullberg in the church office if you have any questions.



Prayer Service on Tuesdays

**6:30—7:00 p.m.
in the Chapel**

In liturgical prayer, we are never alone, because we are surrounded by a God who

loves us and the thousands of folks who are singing and praying with us around the world. As we pray, we are lifted up into a place beyond our earthly dwelling. Join us for a time of peace and connection with God.

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. 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.

Church 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->

Weekly E-News

Sign up to receive our weekly E-News. To sign up online, go to 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.

Monthly Newsletter:

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To sign up online, go to www.getgod.info/Connect/E-communications. Please call the church office to request a printed copy of the newsletter. The deadline for the September newsletter is **Tuesday, September 1 at 10:00 a.m.** Please e-mail your submission to Jennifer Kullberg at jennifer.kullberg@getgod.info. The church reserves the right to edit any information for content and grammar.

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