



The Monticello Messenger

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Monticello United Methodist Church
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Sundays
Small Groups 9:00 a.m.
Fellowship 10:00 a.m.
Worship 10:30 a.m.

Monticello Christian
Children's Center
Director, Gayla Hougham
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"The Christian Atheist" *Through August 23* Upcoming Sermons

July 12- When you say you believe in God, but don't think God is fair (Matthew 9:6, Exodus 34:6, Isaiah 49:13)

July 19- When you say you believe in God, but don't think you can change (Mark 10:27)

July 26- When you say you believe in God, but worry all the time (Phil. 4:6, Romans 14:23, 2 Tim. 1:7, Matt. 6:27, 33-34)

August 2- When you say you believe in God, but pursue happiness at any cost (Proverbs 14:12, Psalm 112:1, Psalm 97:12)

You Have a Part in Creating Monticello's New Vision Statement!

Church Council would like to create a new Vision Statement. They are seeking your input first. Our current Vision statement is: *Loving God, Connecting Others, Growing in Faith, and Serving God by Serving People.* A vision statement is one sentence or phrase that is easy to remember and explains what God is calling us to accomplish in the near future. Please write down your idea of a vision statement for Monticello UMC. You may drop it in the basket at the back of the sanctuary on **Sunday, July 12** or bring it to the church office.

Our Mission Statement

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

Celebrating 150 Years of Ministry in 2015

To be a part of the planning team for Monticello's 150th anniversary celebration, contact Sheryl Wilde at 913-422-8477 or sherylw@everestkc.net.

A Message From Pastor Connie

Summer Greetings! Why the image you may ask... Well, since I came one year ago I have been trying to find an image that represents Monticello UMC. I like this symbol of a heart with lots of different "people" standing side by side, hand in hand, behind, before and beside one another. Some may be looking in and others may be looking out, making sure all are included. I imagine they are all sharing the love of God. One thing I have discovered is that people at Monticello really like to be together! And Monticello is willing to expand her heart to make room for anyone. This image encourages me, just like all of you! So, thanks for letting me do a little imagining in print.



I hope you are all having a blessed summer, spending time with your families and friends. I also pray that you are taking some intentional time to grow in your faith by attending worship online when you can't be here, by coming to the Tuesday night prayer service in the chapel, by reading your Bible or even taking a few minutes each day to do some devotional reading. I would love to know what you are doing! Know that every morning I pray for you. It is a privilege to see the amazing ways God is working in lives here at Monticello!

With gratitude for our shared life,
Pastor Connie

Kidz Night Out at the "M"

Friday July 31 from 6:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.



Hey Kids, come and join us for the 1st ever "Kidz Night Out at the "M" (Monticello)!

Be sure to tell Mom and Dad to mark their calendars and "Save the Date" for you and don't forget to tell them that it's FREE! We've got a FUN-filled evening planned just for you. We will start out with having dinner together (sack lunches will be provided) followed by Bible Stories, Games, Crafts, Songs to Sing, and a Movie. Oh Yeah, and don't forget the FUN! FUN! FUN! After all, "Kidz Do Just Want To Have FUN!" Invite your brothers, your sisters, your cousins and your friends for a "Night of Fun for Kids Only!"

Be sure to register by July 26 to participate. The Nursery will also be open that evening, however space is limited, so register early. You may register at www.getgod.info or at the Connection Point in Fellowship Hall on Sunday mornings. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Janet Williams at janet.williams@getgod.info.

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.

Save a Life, Right Here and Right Now! 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.



Godly Play

Children's Ministry Director:
Janet Williams
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*Godly Play gathers on
Sundays following the
Children's Time in Worship.*

Bible Stories for July

July 12– The Writing on the Wall (Daniel 5)
July 19– Daniel in the Lion's Den (Daniel 6)
July 26– Peter and John Before the Sanhedrin
(Acts 3:1-9; 4:1-21)



Monticello Christian Children's Center

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"Like us"
on Facebook!

MCCC Open House (Meet Your Teacher) 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. Each Day

Monday, July 27— 4 year old Preschool
Tuesday, July 28– 3 year old Preschool
Wednesday, July 29– PreK and Kids Day Out
*Enrollment paperwork should be turned in at
Open House.*

First Day of Classes: Monday, August 17

Kid's Day Out Enrollment

We have openings for 2 1/2 and 3 year olds. Children may wear pull-ups if needed. Kid's Day Out is open Mondays and Wednesdays (year-round). We will open a 3rd or 4th day as needed. The hours are 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Our calendar coincides with the DeSoto USD School calendar. Contact MCCC Director Gayla Hougham at 913-441-1473 or gayla.hougham@getgod.info.

Meet Our New District Superintendent

On July 1, Rev. Bruce Emmert became the new Kansas City District Superintendent. You have the opportunity to meet him during his installation service at 4:00 p.m. on Sunday, August 9, at St. Paul's UMC (7740 Lackman Road in Lenexa). All are invited to welcome him to Kansas City!



United Methodist Women Invite You to a Salad Supper Potluck Thursday, July 23 from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.

Please join the United Methodist Women for a

Salad Supper Potluck in Fellowship Hall. Bring a salad to share as well as a neighbor, friend or spouse! Our guest speaker will be from WillowTree Supports, right up the street in our own community. WillowTree Supports is a residential provider for adults with developmental disabilities. Everyone is welcome to come and share in the fellowship and food; and to learn about this great program!

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.

July Birthdays

Kate Johnson	Susan Cockrum	Justin Mocca
Shirley Nichols	Holly Reanier	Julian Mocca
Matt Neis	Lois Flinn	James Smith
Jason Powers	Frances Duckworth	Kate Johnson
Donna Bowers	Wes Moore	Dexter Dibble
Brooklyn Elliott	Kelli Mocca	Tacie Walser
Gracelyn Mocca	Bryce Martin	

Adult Ministry in July



United Methodist Women

United Methodist Women All women are invited!

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

- Craft and Chat will be held on **Friday, July 10 from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.** in room 200.
- Doing For Others will gather to make lap blankets on **Wednesday, July 15** from 9:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall.
- Salad Supper Potluck will be **Thursday, July 23** from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. Program: WillowTree Supports. (see article above)
- Craft and Chat will be held on **Saturday, August 1 from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.** in room 200.

Go to www.getgod.info or call the church office at 913-441-1435 for details.



United Methodist Men

Monticello United Methodist Men will gather next in September.

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.

Happy Anniversary

<i>Will & Kimberly Demings</i>	2
<i>Joe & Marcy Riedel</i>	8
<i>Ernie & Susan Cockrum</i>	10
<i>Michael & Anna Wood</i>	18
<i>Nate & Sara Truelson</i>	19
<i>Jason & Laurie Powers</i>	22
<i>Dave & Doris Housh</i>	24

50th Wedding Anniversary Open House

Saturday, July 25 1:00-4:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall

Dave and Doris Housh request the pleasure of your company at their celebration! Please RSVP by July 19 at the Connection Point on Sunday Mornings.



Be a Part of the Connection Team

Is your gift connecting with new friends at Monticello UMC? Do you like to share with others what you know about the church? Do you have questions or are you interested in joining our team? Contact Margaret Moore at 913-441-6683 or marg-moore42@hotmail.com.



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. We are living in the "city of God." 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.

75th Street (west of K-7) is Open!

Just in case you haven't noticed— the one lane bridge on 75th street has been repaired.

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->

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.

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.

Monthly Newsletter: The Monticello Messenger

To sign up online, go to [www.getgod.info>Connect>E-communications](http://www.getgod.info/Connect/E-communications). Please call the church office to request a printed copy of the newsletter. The deadline for the August newsletter is Monday, August 3 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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