

The Monticello Messenger

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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
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Mother's Day Sunday, May 10

We celebrate and thank God
for all of the women who touch
many lives every day!

Youth Ministry

Sunday, May 10 will be David Walz, our Youth Director's last day. David is going to graduate school. We celebrate his ministry here at Monticello UMC. We will miss him and pray God will bless the next chapter in his story!

Upcoming Sunday Sermons

May 10– *All The Places to Go* concludes with
“Thank God for Closed Doors”

Guest preacher Amy Potts (May 17-31)

May 17– Ascension Sunday

May 24– Pentecost Sunday

May 31– Trinity Sunday/Peace with Justice Sunday

June 7– “Thin Places” (Holy Communion)

June 14– A New Series: “The Christian Atheist”

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 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.

A Message From Pastor Connie

Greetings!

I hope you are enjoying the e-news every week and the newsletter every month. If there are other things that would be helpful for you, please let Jennifer know and we will try to make it happen.

May is a busy month with graduations, sports, the end of school and other seasonal events. This May is going to be special for me. For over two years I have planned and saved for a pilgrimage (a spiritual trip to holy sites for remembrance, renewal and study) to Ireland. I am a student of theology and spirituality. This is an opportunity for me to learn more about Celtic spirituality and to explore some genealogy in the McKenna clan. I will be back in worship on June 7 to celebrate Holy Communion and share some of my Celtic experience.

Amy Potts will be our guest preacher for those weeks. She is a gifted speaker, musician, writes for the religion section of the Kansas City Star and is a great photographer. Her story will be one you don't want to miss. Please make her feel welcome to Monticello!

On June 14 we will begin a new sermon series called, *Christian Athiest*. Several months ago I asked for suggestions. This theme was one that emerged. I hope it will keep us amused and growing through the summer.

One last thing, Monticello has received a generous gift in honor of Meyer Nelson. This gift was made anonymously. The spirit of the gift is toward innovation, creativity and growth. On behalf of all of Monticello I would like to say Thank You!

This year we look back over the last 150 years. It's been a rich history. Now, how can we seek God's vision for the unfolding future? I can't wait to see what God will do through Monticello United Methodist Church... a place where the story (God's and our's) continues to unfold!

Grace and Peace,
Pastor Connie



**Monticello
Christian
Children's
Center**

"Like us"
on Facebook!

Read our May newsletter

(copy the link below and paste in your browser)
https://gallery.mailchimp.com/7832aacdd93dd957e868ce674/files/MCCC_May_2015_Newsletter.pdf

Life 88.5 Christian Radio Will Pray for MCCC!

Tune into Life 88.5 on Wednesday, May 13 to hear prayers for MCCC children.

MCCC Graduation

Everyone is invited to celebrate our children at graduation on Wednesday, May 20 (5:30 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.)

Summer 2015

We have an exciting summer planned! Our projects are centered around the following days:

Mondays-Caldecott Books

Tuesdays-Science

Wednesdays-Physical Exercises

Thursdays-Recycled Art

Fridays- FUN Various themes

You can sign up your child for full-time care or just one day of the week. We PROMISE a good time!

Contact Gayla Hougham at 913-441-1473 or

gayla.hougham@getgod.info.



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

The month of May is well upon us and many of us are busy at work planting seeds in our gardens. We wait then with anticipation and hope of the beautiful flowers, vegetables and fruit to come.

We too have been planting seeds at "Godly Play" much like you do in a garden. These seed however are not your typical seeds, but the seeds of "Commitment," "Kindness," "Patience," "Peace," and "Honesty," with more seeds to be planted in the coming months. These wonderful seeds of attributes make for beautiful children who become beautiful adults, who are not only beautiful on the outside, but beautiful deep within the heart of the seed. Now you know that we can't leave our gardens unattended, they need someone to tend and watch over them to help them grow. They also need most of all, the "Sunshine of God's Love" and of 'His Life Giving Water" and just wait, your garden will grow with abundance! Happy Planting!

This month we are learning about "Honesty" and how it can "Tangle" you up. Here is a list of the coming weeks schedule and the topics.

May 10- Hair Today, Gone Tomorrow (Jacob tricks Isaac)

May 17- Liar, Liar (Naaman and Elisha's servant, Gehazi)

May 24- No Godly Play (See you next Sunday!)

May 31- Backfired (Haman's plot against the Jews)

Please note: The final meeting date for Joyful Noise this school year is May 17.



**United Methodist Family
Night at the T-Bones**

Saturday, May 23 at 7:00 p.m.

Everyone is invited! Tickets are \$10 each. Orders are due May 7. Sign up at the Connection Point or contact Wes Moore or Jay Nichols.

Checks should be made payable to MUMM (Monticello United Methodist Men).



We welcome the following **NEW MEMBERS** to Monticello UMC. Each of these ladies transferred from other churches. Be sure to introduce yourself!



**Lisa and Lauren
Draper**



Helen Mangus

Nancy Parness (not pictured)

Birthdays and Anniversaries

We want to celebrate milestones with you!

MAY BIRTHDAYS

Eric Isaacson
Marilyn Boaz
Chris Johnson
Sandie Taylor
Amy Dill
Paul Wilde
Morgan Scanlon
Maribeth Johnson
Sydney Smith

D. Henry Hanson
Linda Shaffer
Laurie Powers
Will Demmings
Amy O'Brien
Michael Wood
Jennifer Kullberg
Tricia Yount
Colby Smith

Wedding Anniversaries

Paul and Glenda Elliott- 38 years on May 28

Send your celebration information to jennifer.kullberg@getgod.info by June 3 in order to be included in the June newsletter.

Youth Ministry

You may or may not know that there are thirteen churches in the Great Plains Annual Conference who are in need of youth directors. More than half of these positions are full time and the others, part time. We are looking for a candidate who will have longevity with Monticello and who comes with a passion for youth ministry. It will take prayer and discernment to find that person.

In the interim, the youth group will be taking a few weeks off. In mid-June Shane Handesliter, the Conference Youth Director will be visiting Monticello to meet with parents and youth about what our next step will be. The exact time and date of his visit will be finalized in the next week.

Know that our youth are important and integral to our shared congregation life! Please pray that God will bring a person who can help us develop a strong and viable youth program for the future!

Adult Ministry in May



United
Methodist
Women

United Methodist Women

All women are invited!

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

- Doing For Others makes lap blankets on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of the month (9:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall).
- Circle Meeting (fellowship; spiritual growth and more)– 4th Thursday of the month.
- Craft and Chat– one Friday per month in the evening at church
- And much more!

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



United Methodist Men

**Saturday, May 16 (8:00 a.m.)
Fellowship Hall**

You are invited to hear Don Crim share information about various lawn, tree and shrub problems in our area this year and proper lawn care. Don is a member of the Bonner Springs UMC and a Master Gardener. Don also works with the various District UMM activities. We will enjoy breakfast as well.

Missions Opportunities to Serve



Schools Furnishing Hope Goes to College May 18-23 (KU) and June 6 (MU)

My Father's House, in partnership with Sleepyhead Beds, is pleased to be a part of a unique opportunity to receive a large quantity of bedroom furniture from dormitories at the University of Kansas and University of Missouri. Hundreds of volunteers will be needed to help disassemble and move these furniture items to be re-distributed to individuals and families living in poverty. For full details on either of these serving opportunities as well as registration information, go to www.cor.org/furnishings.

Important Upcoming Dates

May 10– Mother's Day

May 19 & 22– Last Days of School for local districts

May 23– United Methodist Family Night at T-Bones

May 25– Church Office/Buildings and MCCC Closed



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.

Looking Ahead

Great Plains UMC Annual Conference

June 10-13 in Wichita, KS

Pastor Connie and Lay Leader Ken Sokol will represent Monticello UMC at this year's annual conference. The 2015 conference agenda includes voting for delegates to the 2016 General Conference, as well as the usual business of the Annual Conference Session. See more at: <http://www.greatplainsumc.org/annualconference#sthash.NHZIVa8N.dpuf>

Bells, Bingo and Baked Goods

Saturday, June 13 (6:00 to 8:00 p.m.)

Come for an evening of family fun...baked goods, bingo and music by the bell choir and more. This is a FUN opportunity to support and help expand the Graceful Ringers. Mark your calendar!

Food, Fellowship and Fun event in June at Monticello UMC

Look for details soon!

MOTHERS IN LOVE
+ FATHERS IN LOVE
= FAMILIES IN LOVE



Why Settle For a "Good" Marriage, When You Can Have a Great Marriage?

United Methodist Marriage Encounter

Weekend in Wichita Kansas, Nov. 13-15, 2015

Make the leap from just "good" to great. Marriage Encounter is 44 hours where married couples can get away from jobs, kids, chores and phones- and focus only on each other. If you'd like greater depth, growth and enrichment in your relationships, you'll like the difference a Marriage Encounter United Methodist Weekend can make. For more information and to register, contact David and Dana Williams at 316-993-2308 or d_twilliams@hotmail.com.



Road Closure Effects

Monticello United Methodist Church

The 75th St. one lane bridge just west of K-7 is closed and under construction. To get to Monticello UMC, exit at 83rd St., head west to Gleason, then head north to 75th St to find us.

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Calendar

To view our entire church calendar, go to

[www.getgod.info/Connect/Church Calendar](http://www.getgod.info/Connect/ChurchCalendar) or <http://www.getgod.info/connect-with-us/events-calendar>.

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/PrayerRequests) 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 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 by the 3rd of the month.

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

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 June newsletter is Wednesday, June 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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