**The Circuit Writer**

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Someone asked me for directions to our church recently.  When is the last time someone asked you how to get to church?  This question gave me great pause.  Do I live my life in such a way that someone would want to be involved with my church?

"Preach the gospel, and when necessary, use words."  This quote is often attributed to St. Francis of Assisi although no one really knows it's origin and some experts maintain that Francis is misquoted in that phrase.  However, it's worth some thought.  Are we the body of Christ for the world?

This summer, I challenge you to preach with both the example of your life and through your words also.  There are so many wonderful things happening at Monterey UMC--share them!

In May, we had the honor of sharing the sacrament of baptism with Holsten and Hadley Hayes, Sandi and Vince Vanacore's grandchildren.  It had been 5 years since we had a baptism at Monterey UMC, and what a wonderful day it was to share this holy sacrament with this family!  We look forward to nurturing them, doing everything in our power to increase their faith, confirm their hope, and perfect them in love!!  It is a holy honor to take this journey together!

Church t-shirts are here.  Artwork is courtesy of Susie Cournoyer.  If you have not picked up your t-shirt, please stop by my office and do so, then go out wearing that t-shirt, and share the love of Christ with our community.  Mark your calendar for the following:

June 23: Bible Fun Day

Sept 5: Fall Classes Begin

Sept 30:  Jim Brady Trio, 6pm

October 2: Blessing of the Animals

October: Mission trip to Red Bird Mission (dates to be determined)

November: Ladies' Day Away Before the Holiday-- women's tea

Take Christ into the world, friends. . . and invite a friend into the wonderful life we share at Monterey UMC.

I will never stop giving thanks for you. . . remembering you in my prayers,

Denna

**Monthly & Weekly Church Scheduling**

Sunday School & Worship 9:45am & 11:00am

Youth Group Sundays 5:30pm – 7:00 pm

Monterey Hilltop Chorale Mondays at 6:00pm

Civitan Club 3rd Tuesday of each month at 6:00pm

Choir Rehearsal Wednesdays at 6:30pm

Cottage Ministry Friday & Saturday, 9am – Noon

Garden Club 2nd Tuesday of each month at 10:30am

**May Worship Leaders**

Liturgist Linda Jensen

Ushers Phillip & Sharon Choate

Acolytes Marcy & Keelan Milligan & Sophia

**A Record of our faithfulness May 2018**

***MAY FINANCIAL RESULTS (Operating Funds)***

05/01/18   BEGINNING BALANCE     $ 16,850.04

                 TITHES AND OFFERINGS    13,027.68

                 EXPENSES                              (13.521.84)

5/31/18     ENDING BALANCE          $ 16,355.88

**Upcoming Meetings & Events**

**No Choir rehearsal** June - July 4th.

**The Monterey Garden Club** will meet Tuesday, June 12th at 10:30 am in the Fellowship Hall.

**Bible Fun Day Meeting:** Monday, June 18th at 6 pm.

**Bible Fun Day**: Saturday, June 23rd - 9 am to 3 pm

**Red Bird Mission**

When is the last time you have been on a mission trip?  Red Bird Mission in Beverly, Kentucky operates a thrift store to benefit the folks living in the Daniel Boone National Forest.  This area is in the poorest county in our country.

Would you be willing to spend a couple of days helping Red Bird with their thrift store? Cost for the trip is minimal, everyone can participate regardless of mobility, and our trip will be in October which is prime leaf peeping season! Contact Pastor Denna if you are interested in learning more

FACT: The Community of Monterey

economically ranks 94% poverty.

The Cottage at MUMC has served as a mission in our community since 2004. It offers women’s clothing along with small household items at minimum cost. It is also a place of friendly atmosphere for all. Deborah Wolfe has sensed a need for food for many in our community. There is now a small pantry of non-perishable foods at The Cottage. We can contribute to this with food or money. Small pails were given on Mother’s Day to collect small change. **You are invited to bring your change to my house, 505 W. Crawford Avenue on Saturday, June 16th at 10:00 a.m.** We will enjoy Ralph’s Donuts , visiting with our church family and extending the mission of The Cottage. Wanda Balsley

**The Cottage**

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Your donations of women’s clothing, small household items, sheets, towels and food are needed and appreciated.

**Monterey’s April Birthdays**

1 Sandra Houston

3 Morris Stamps

10 Crystal Stewart

13 Ann Watson

14 Clarissa Webb

17 Len Durham

17 Karen Logsdon

18 Bob Coe

24 Bob Henley

24 Ken Walker

27 Wanda Balsley

**MONTEREY’S APRIL ANNIVERSARIES**

10 W.T. & Franny Ray

12 Carson & Linda Goddard

13 Bill & Kay Wiggins

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There’s always something beautiful in the church garden.

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**June 2018**

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| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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|  |  |  |  |  | 9:00a-Cottage Ministry | 9:00a Cottage Ministry |
| 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 |
| 9:45a Sunday School  11:00a Worship Service  5:30p Youth Group | 6:00p Monterey Hilltop Chorale | 10:30a Garden Club |  |  | 9:00a Cottage Ministry | 9:00a Cottage Ministry |
| 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 |
| 9:45a Sunday School  11:00a Worship Service  5:30p Youth Group | 6:00p Monterey Hilltop Chorale | 6:00p Civitans |  |  | 9:00a Cottage Ministry | 9:00a Cottage Ministry |
| 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 |
| 9:45a Sunday School  11:00a Worship Service  5:30p Youth Group  ***FATHER’S DAY*** | 6:00p Monterey Hilltop Chorale  ***6:00p Bible Fun Day Mtg*** |  | ***6:00p Finance Meeting*** |  | 9:00a Cottage Ministry | 9:00a Cottage Ministry  ***9a – 3p Bible Fun Day*** |
| 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 |
| 9:45a Sunday School  11:00a Worship Service  5:30p Youth Group  ***2:00p Rev. Denna leads worship at Standing Stone Care & Rehab*** | 6:00p Monterey Hilltop Chorale |  |  |  |  |  |