



July 6-10, 2025
Ages 3-5th Grade



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

We continue to have outstanding numbers for Vacation Bible School. We strive to be a safe event for children all over the community. In order to do that, we need volunteers to help keep ratios low. If you are available to help in the evenings for this event please sign up with this QR code, or see Sarah Cason. Have a child? Sign them up with the same link!

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TRUE NORTH

Take home craft kits are back!

We would love the extra help of making the small decorations used throughout the church. If you would like to participate, please pick up a bag of crafts at the Starting Point June 1st and 8th. There will be information on how to make the craft attached. Complete and bring crafts back June 8th and 15th



ORDINATION SERVICE FOR PASTOR JUSTIN

Pastor Justin's ordination service will be at the North Indy Campus of St. Luke's UMC on Friday, June 6 at 6:30pm. For those that would like to carpool, there will be a bus that leaves the church at 3:30pm that day. You can reserve your spot on the bus by reaching out to the church office at (574)583-5545! Space is limited.

CHURCH PLANTING DAY

Thank you to all who came for the Church landscaping work day. The day was a beautiful success and the work went quickly with so many generous volunteers! Joyce did a great job organizing all the work [and bringing coffee cake!] We had volunteers of every experience level and shared in a wonderful time of fellowship. Most, but not all, of our volunteers are pictured below.



Dear Church Family,

It is with a full heart and deep respect that I write to you today. As many of you know, Pastor Brian and Bootsie will officially be retiring and stepping away from full-time ministry after 19 years of faithful and passionate service to our church and so many more in service to the kingdom of God in full-time ministry.

This moment is both bittersweet and sacred. On one hand, we celebrate the incredible legacy Pastor Brian and Bootsie leave behind—a legacy built on steadfast preaching of the Word, compassionate shepherding, and a consistent heart for God’s people. On the other hand, we feel the weight of saying goodbye to a leader who has walked with us through nearly two decades of joys, sorrows, growth, and change. For me personally, I cannot begin to express the ways in which Pastor Brian has mentored me into the pastor and guy that I am today. Through his leadership and acting as a spiritual father to me, I am a better man, leader, and Christian. I will be forever grateful for our time together.

Nineteen years is no small chapter. Under Pastor Brian’s leadership, we’ve seen lives transformed, families strengthened, and individuals sent into ministry. We’ve worshiped together, weathered storms together, and witnessed the hand of God at work in this congregation. And for that, we are eternally grateful.

As Paul wrote to the church in Thessalonica:

"We give thanks to God always for all of you, constantly mentioning you in our prayers, remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ." — 1 Thessalonians 1:2–3

These words ring true for our pastor and his wife. Your work of faith, labor of love, and steadfastness of hope have been a model for us all. Thank you, Pastor Brian, for loving this church deeply, for preaching the gospel faithfully, and for leading us with humility and courage. We also recognize the tremendous work of Bootsie in the lives of our congregation. The Lunch Bunches, the brownies, and always showing up when we knew we needed someone. You both have served the kingdom of God and our community so well in the past 19 years.

As we prepare to honor this season of transition, let us also look forward with hope. God, who has faithfully led us through every chapter, will continue to guide us into what’s next. As Scripture reminds us in Philippians 1:6:

"He who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus."

To Pastor Brian and Bootsie, thank you for your unwavering devotion, your integrity, and your servant hearts. You have finished this race with excellence, and we are better because of your ministry. We cannot wait to celebrate your ministry on June 29, as you will be surrounded by so many of us whose lives you have changed.

We celebrate this new season for the Beeks as well, and know they will love spending more time with Ben, Emily, and Adelyn!

Blessings from us all!

Retirement Celebration

We will be celebrating the retirement of Pastor Brian and Bootsie Beeks on the evening of June 29, 2025. There will be an Open House time in the Parlor from 3pm-5pm for those who are unable to attend the dinner but still wish to give the Beeks their words of thanks. We will have a dinner in Connection Court from 5pm–6:30pm. RSVPs are required and childcare will be provided with a reservation. There will be an official invitation coming in the mail, but if you would like to RSVP early please contact the Church Office. Please join us in this night of celebration of the wonderful ministry of Brian and Bootsie for the last 19 years here in Monticello!

RECENT HIGHLIGHTS

Some of the highlights from the last month have included...

- Celebrating the class of 2025 high school graduates at the 648 Sr. Banquet on May 18. Congratulations to Chayse Andrews, Morgan Galyen, Blake McCoy, J.J. Spear, and Mady Westerhouse!!
- We thanked and recognized Ella Miller for her time with us leading 648 and assisting with Revolution. Ella will be getting married in June and starting her new position as a middle school music teacher in Fort Wayne this fall.
- We thanked and recognized Keira (Buschman) Lohrman for her time with us leading Revolution. Keira has moved to Virginia to be with her husband Michael as he continues with his military service.
- “May the Force Be with You” message from Ella on the Holy Spirit also involved pool noodle light sabers!



JUNE REVOLUTION NEWS

Normal Sunday evening meetings, 5-6:30pm:

Those students who have completed 5th grade are now eligible to attend Revolution! We welcome you and your friends!!

- June 1 – preparation for a summer of growth in your faith – led by some special guests!
- June 29 – join with the church to help us recognize Pastor Brian’s retirement.

Revolution will NOT meet on June 8 (start of Camp Adventure), June 15 (Father’s Day), or June 22 (start of Sr. High Camp).

Camp Adventure

June 8-13

We are excited for our middle school students to have a great experience at camp! If you have not yet registered, there is still time. Contact the church office for more information, (574)583-5545!

JUNE 648 NEWS

Regular Sunday evening meetings, 6:48-9pm:

Those students who have completed 8th grade are now eligible to attend 648!

- June 1 – 648 Alumni Reunion Night; cookout – all past and current 648 members are invited to attend! Spread the word!!
- June 8 – Fun Night with board games, Dodge Ball, and Ice Cream
- June 29 – Youth Sunday at the Drive-in (8:30am), Classic (9:30am), and Current (11:00am) Services. Youth will be leading all aspects of each service and sharing their camp experiences with the congregation. That evening, join us to help recognize Pastor Brian’s retirement before our time together in 648.

648 will NOT meet on June 15 (Father’s Day) or June 22 (start of Senior High Camp).

Senior High Camp

- June 22-27 at Epworth Forest
- Departure time from the church at 1:30pm
- Stay tuned for a packing list and additional information
- Still need to sign up? Contact the church office for more information, (574)583-5545.

Future 648 events for your calendars

- July 6-10 – Vacation Bible School – youth can help each evening with a group of children at VBS to assist with activities, set-up, and clean-up.
- July 6 & 13 – “What is a sin?” series led by Mady and Nate.
- July 20, 27, & Aug 3 – “Sermon on the Mount” series led by JJ, Mady, Morgan, Chewie, and Jasper.





THANK YOU, MIKI!

We want to extend our heartfelt gratitude to Miki Seymour, who has been our Children's Ministry Director the last few years. We are so thankful for the time and energy she has put into this ministry. Miki's dedication, creativity, and love for our kids has made a lasting impact on our children's ministry program. Please join us in praying for her as she moves into this next chapter. She promises to visit us every month and has a lot of kiddos to hold her to it!

HELLO FROM YOUR NEW KIDMIN COORDINATOR!

Hi! My name is Karisa Glover and I am so excited to step into the role of MUMC's new Kids Ministry Coordinator. I have been a part of the children's ministry team for several years now, and have had the privilege of working with Miki the last few years. I have been involved with many events with the church, and have primarily attended The Current Service. My husband Josh and I have two boys, Neyland and Nash that have grown up in this ministry with me. Please come say hi on Sunday mornings and introduce yourself. I look forward to meeting you all and serving beside you.

ADVENTURES IN FAITH

Our program is growing! More kids means more volunteers are needed to keep this program running smoothly. No special super powers or previous experience is needed. If you would be willing to help teach on Sunday mornings please reach out to Karisa Glover either on Sunday morning, or via email at children@monticelloumchurch.org.

BIBLE BUDDIES

Thanks to Ms Miki and Ms. Libby, this past Sunday Bible Buddies made their grand debut. Each child that attends Adventures in Faith was able to adopt a special buddy to take home with them, and a new bible. They received a folder of helpful information on how to read their bible as well as a special adoption certificate. They all were required to sign a "contract" that states they will do their best to remember to read to their buddy each week. If your child was not present, don't worry! We have extra buddies and Bibles available that they can receive on another Sunday. This Bible Buddy program costs \$25 for each kid, if you would like to sponsor a Bible Buddy please send in cash or check to the office.



MUMC ONLINE

Summer is here! Baseball fields, boat rides on the lake, vacations, summer is always a time we are on the move. But, just because you are on the move doesn't mean you cannot have your faith with you. That is what MUMC Online lets us do, engage in spiritual practices and faith development regardless of where we physically are. So how can you actively engage your faith this summer on MUMC Online? You can join us on The Couch on Wednesday nights! You can post prayer concerns AND pray for others who do at any time, any where. You can join our summer reading plans so that Scripture doesn't take a vacation this summer. Regardless of what you do, remember that our Christian walk doesn't take a break during the summer. So get online -and continue to be discipled!



SOUP FOR THE SOUL

Soup for the Soul will take place on June 10 and 24 from 4:30 to 6pm. This is a free meal for everyone in our community, and you are welcome and invited! If you would like to contribute to this mission, dessert donations and monetary donations are always welcome. We are also in need of substitute delivery drivers. For more information, please reach out to Dean DeVoe at (574)202-6241.

LUNCH BUNCH

Lunch Bunch will be meeting June 4 at the Wolcott Cafe at 11:30am. Please notice the change in time and place. The meals are \$10, plus tip. Whether you are a regular or have never come - we'd love to have you join us! For reservations and questions, call Kathy Peters (574)870-0140 or Jody Maiden (765)427-1553.



SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS

We want to congratulate all of our graduated Seniors, but in particular our scholarship award winners. Morgan Galyen, Mady Westerhouse, and Cole Woodley each received the Cain Scholarship which can only be awarded to graduates in the top ten percent of their class. Reese Provo received the Gingrich-McDowell Scholarship for her future educational endeavors as well. Congrats to our scholarship recipients!

Celebrations

There are two special MUMC couples celebrating milestone anniversaries this month! Please help them celebrate by sending cards!

Pete and Joyce Reitz will celebrate their 70th anniversary on June 4.
(10093 N Tall Oaks Ct; Monticello IN 47960)

Phil and Julie Gutwein will celebrate their 67th anniversary on June 29.
(1307 Indian Hill; Monticello IN 47960)

There are two special MUMC ladies celebrating milestone birthdays this month! Please help them celebrate by sending cards!

Artis Spencer turns 101 on June 19.
(1275 Meadowbrook; Lafayette IN 47905)

Joyce Reitz turns 91 on June 21.
(10093 N Tall Oaks Ct; Monticello IN 47960)

REGULAR SUNDAY MORNING SCHEDULE
8:30 Adult Sunday School
8:30 Drive-In Service
9:30 The Classic Worship Service
9:30 Adventures in Faith (Children)
11:00 The Current Worship Service
11:00 Adventures in Faith (Children)

June 2025

Narcotics Anonymous
M—7:00 PM Room 201

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| 1 REG SUNDAY MORNING SERVICES 5pm- Revolution 6:48pm– 648 Alumni Reunion Night | 2 5:30pm– Fitness Class | 3 | 4 CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED 5:30pm– Fitness Class 7pm– The Couch | 5 CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED 6:30pm– Line Dancing Lessons | 6 CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED 6:30am– Men’s Emmaus | 7 |
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