

MUMC Easter Celebration

Saturday, April 19

2-3pm

2yrs-5th grade

Join us for crafts, snacks, and Easter egg hunts that will be staggered for different age groups!

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Holy Week

Palm Sunday, April 13, begins Holy Week, the week leading up to Easter. On Sunday morning at each of the services we will have a Palm processional with children waving palm branches as we remember Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem on that first Palm Sunday.

Maundy Thursday Service will be held in Connection Court on Thursday, April 17, beginning at 6:00pm. On this evening we will discuss what happened at the Last Supper, who was in the room, and what we can learn from this practice of Maundy Thursday in our own lives. Communion will be a part of this service.

Community Good Friday Service will be held in our Sanctuary on Friday, April 18 beginning at 7:00pm. We will be joined by several churches in the area as we remember Good Friday as the larger body of Christ

Easter Egg Hunt will take place on Saturday, April 19 beginning at 2pm. We will be doing things a bit differently this year, with different "hunt" times so that parents can be with their children during the hunt and not feel disconnected if they have more than one child hunting at the same time. We will also have crafts and giveaways! We look forward to helping our community celebrate the Easter Season!

Easter Sunday Services will be held in the Sanctuary at 9:30am and in Connection Court at 11:00am on Sunday, April. Make this Easter worship service a priority for your family and invite a friend to come with you to hear the message about Jesus.

GOOD NEWS, BUT ONLY IF IT IS HEARD

Last May, I attended a LARP (Live-action role play) event in Kentucky. I'll be honest, it was rough. The site was not prepared properly, it wasn't a good spot to begin with, and the event had to be called early because of severe weather that actually claimed the life of someone a few towns over. Very scary stuff. When we received a tornado warning at the site, I was in my full orc costume and had to run to a pole barn for shelter. We waited there for about an hour before eventually being let go and told we were safe. In that hour some people had panic attacks, others were able to joke and laugh, but it was a pretty tense situation. What I didn't know until after the event is that there was a smaller group on the other side of the property that had sheltered in a shed. They were waiting for someone to call over the walkie-talkie that it was safe to come out, but their walkie died without them knowing it. So they sheltered an extra HOUR because no one told them it was safe.

This situation comes to mind when I think about Easter. We have good news, REALLY good news for the world. Jesus Christ has come, died, and been resurrected so that we can have eternal life with God! He has won the victory over sin and death! It is safe to come out! But as we will gather on Easter Sunday with our best clothes and songs of celebration, there are still many who are out in the wilderness, trying to find shelter from life, and they have not heard the good news. It is not because their walkie-talkie is dead, it is because we refuse to use ours.

Easter is a season when people are more open to attending church than almost any other time outside of Christmas. It is almost a cultural expectation that plays in our favor, the idea that you go to church on the holiday called Easter, regardless if you are there for the Christ or the chocolate. We have a real opportunity to spread the good news of Christ in this season, but we have to actually tell people why it is news, and why it is good. Why is it news? Well, many feel they know the story of Christ, but do not see any transformation happening in Christ followers so don't feel they need to pay it any attention. It is "old news", and many feel it is irrelevant. How do we show them it isn't? YOU! Your life, the transformation in you that God has done, that is what makes the news new! The book has been out for a long time, but the story of how God is changing you is new! It is good, because it calls us to be a part of something so much greater than ourselves! The kingdom of God, where we get to be a blessing to others.

So, for Easter, will you commit to make the Good News good and news again? Will you invite someone in to see how God has changed your life, and then reintroduce them to that God on Easter Sunday? Let's use our walkie-talkies and bring hope and healing to Monticello and to the world this Easter.



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RECENT 648 HIGHLIGHTS:

The group has concluded it's portion of the old testament "Villians of the Bible" series, with lessons by Mady Westhouse, Steve Mckinley, and Ella Miller. They were able to spend a week on the serpent, Joseph's brothers, Pharaoh, and King Saul. This series has helped us point out where they went wrong, and how we can avoid falling into the same sins in our own life.

We also had our camp sign-up night this week! We currently have 25 students signed up to attend either middle or high school camp this summer! There's still room for more, find more information on how to sign up below!



RECENT REVOLUTION HIGHLIGHTS:

The group has concluded its I am _____ by God series in the month of March. Our middle school students have learned about how they are valued, loved, chosen, and heard by God. We hope that they are able to take these lessons and walk in confidence in their faith within the world around them.

APRIL 648 AND REVOLUTION NEWS:

648 will be continuing their current series, "Villains" of the Bible. The focus is now switching to the villains that are involved in Jesus' story, specifically those leading up to his crucifixion. Revolution will also be moving onto a new series. On April 6, both groups will be joining the rest of the church for the Community Fair, so come by and see our booth! We also will not be meeting on Easter Sunday (April 17) so that everyone can enjoy the holiday with their families.

CAMP SIGN-UP; IT'S NOT TOO LATE!

It is not too late to sign up for summer camp this summer! Monticello UMC offers a small scholarship to those who sign-up through the church, you will need to contact Ella Miller (emiller@monticelloumchurch.org) to get that process started. Additionally, if you are in need of a scholarship for camp, please email Ella to get that application process started! High School Camp at Epworth Forest will be June 22 through June 27. Middle School Camp will be June 8 through June 13 at Camp Adventure. We'd love to fill those sites with Monticello UMC students!



SPRING COMMUNITY FAIR

April 6, 2025 5-8pm

games food music ministry opportunities prizes

monticello united methodist church
200 South Main st



UMCOR

Our UMCOR Church Family Packing Event was on March 30, and while at the time of the writing of this newsletter article we are still 2 weeks away from that, I know how amazing our church family rallies around Children's Ministries so I feel confident in saying thank you to all who donated items for the Hygiene Kits. At our last event 511 Hygiene Kits were packed! The final number for 2025 will be announced after the event. Thank you preemptively to everyone who helped from planning, to cooking, to donating, to those who helped put away tables and chairs at the end.

EASTER CELEBRATION AND EGG HUNT

The annual Easter Egg Hunt is on April 19 from 2-3pm. We are excited to be expanding the event this year. We will be staggering the hunt to make it easier for families with multiple children and also to try and encourage families to enjoy some fellowship time while learning some of what our church has to offer, such as VBS. We will also be offering a craft station, a popcorn station, and we will also have an inflatable for the kids to enjoy. The photo booth will again be available for families to utilize! To make this a memorable event for the families that attend we will need volunteers to come and help. We will need volunteers for each station, help setting up and tearing down, and help hiding eggs!! We would also need volunteers to mingle and greet those coming in for the event. Please see Miki for more information and to volunteer or reach out to her at MSeymour@MonticelloUMChurch.org

ADVENTURES IN FAITH

Spring is the season for new beginnings! Whether you're cleaning out parts of your home or watching the flowers bloom in your garden, it's a time for new life and growth. Like a good gardener, Jesus wanted to help cultivate seeds of faith in his friends so they could all grow closer to God. In this four week series, kids will learn all about the life, death and resurrection of Jesus as he sowed the seeds of new life in the world. Kids will discover that God sent Jesus to save us, Jesus understands when we're hurting, He makes all things new, and connects us to God.

IMPORTANT EVENTS

Sunday April 6 & 13 - Collect Eggs and candy for Easter Egg Hunt

April 18 - Good Friday Service at MUMC

April 20 - Easter Egg Hunt Event 2-3pm



MUMC ONLINE

Our MUMC Online Day Of Service will be taking place Saturday, April 26th! On that day, we are asking our MUMC Online community to engage in a local volunteer opportunity, regardless of where you live currently. This can be cleaning gutters, mowing a lawn, picking up trash, whatever the Spirit leads you to do! As you are doing your service, take a picture and post on MUMC Online so we can see how big our "we" impact is when we work together!

Also, shout out to our newest MUMC Online Moderator Ashley Brooks! Ashley has been making and sharing some amazing graphics and questions on MUMC Online that have caused us to ponder God anew, and I (Pastor Justin) am so thankful to her saying YES when the Spirit moved her to serve! So tell Ashley thank you for all of her hard work!

LENTEN OFFERING

Our Lenten Offering will be designated for Camp Scholarships once again this year. We believe in the power of camp to change the lives of young people with the Gospel of Jesus Christ, and we need your help to do it! Our goal is to provide a \$200 scholarship for five-day camps or up to 50% of the cost for shorter camps for each child connected with our youth and children's ministry. If there is greater need we want to meet it so that finances are not a prohibiting factor for any student who wants to go to camp. Please prayerfully consider how you can be a part of introducing one of our young people to Jesus at camp!

SPRING COMMUNITY FAIR

You, your family, and your friends are all invited to the Spring Community Fair at MUMC on Sunday, April 6, from 5-8pm!

What will you experience at the fair?

Fair-type food to enjoy

Activities designed for the kids throughout the evening

Information booths in Connection Court that highlight a variety of current and future ministries offered at MUMC

Collect stamps on your passport from each of the information booths to be turned in for a chance to win a prize!

Performances by the Chancel Choir, Grace Notes handbell choir, Current Worship Band

Message from Pastor Justin

The Monticello United Methodist Church has a number of exciting current and emerging ministries. Some of these you may have never heard about before! This is a great chance to bring your family for a fun evening together, while we worship, and learn about all that MUMC has to offer. We look forward to celebrating with you on April 6! Feel free to come and go as your schedule allows!

MONTICELLO METHODIST WOMEN

Monticello Methodist Women are meeting on Thursday April 10 at 11am. We will be filling Easter Eggs for the church egg hunt. Please bring lots of small individually wrapped candy. Remember that suckers are hard to fit in the eggs. Let's beat last year's number of 4636 eggs!



REGULAR SUNDAY MORNING SCHEDULE

- 8:30 Adult Sunday School
- 9:30 The Classic Worship Service
- 9:30 Adventures in Faith (Children)
- 11:00 The Current Worship Service
- 11:00 Adventures in Faith (Children)

April 2025

**Narcotics Anonymous
M—7:00 PM Room 201**

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 6pm- Better Together	2 5:30pm- Fitness Class 7pm- Chancel Choir Rehearsal 7pm- The Couch 8pm- "Savior" Zoom Lenten Study	3 6:30pm- Grace Notes Rehearsal 6:30pm- Line Dancing Lessons	4 6:30am- Men's Emmaus 8:30am- Thrive	5
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