



Moniteau Evangelical Advent Church

Worship service—9:00 am
Sunday School—10:15 am

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From the Pastor's Desk

Summer is over—the crops are drying, being gathered in. The grass has been momentarily revived by the rain. The trees are beginning to turn. The walnuts and acorns are falling from the trees providing food for squirrels and some will be planted to one day grow into trees. And, the hummingbirds are becoming fewer and fewer. Not that long ago, I had to fill our four feeders three times a day. Flocks of hummingbirds looking for food, taking turns, sometimes chasing others away. It was amazing to see them fly and still be able to stand stationary in the air drinking the nectar. But now I fill only two feeders every other day, then every third day and finally they will be taken down, washed and put away for next year.

I notice the few hummingbirds that come—they are small, probably those born most recently, not yet having bulked up for the trip that they must make. It has always amazed me how these little birds manage to find their way to their winter homes and next spring find their way back to us. I look at that and wonder at God's creation—I would surely get lost on such a long journey, but God has put within these small creatures the ability to navigate over hundreds of miles to safety. They don't seem to fly in flocks and so each must go on his own, looking for the food that God provides along the way. Some will make it and some will perish.

As I will miss my little friends, they are a testimony of God's wisdom and power. Those that do not believe in a Creator God, must believe that somehow these marvelous creatures simply evolved. But consider some facts and ask if such marvels could evolve. The heart of a hummingbird beats more than 1200 beats per minute (yes 12 hundred), while weighing merely 3 grams (a nickel weighs 4.5 grams), can fly 30 miles per hour, lays eggs that are less than ½" long, breathe an average of 250 times a

minute. The rufous hummingbird has the longest migration (more than 3000 miles). The ruby throated hummingbird flies 500 miles, non-stop across the Gulf of Mexico. The average hummingbird lives 3-12 years. Though they are small, they will attack bluejays, crows and hawks that infringe on their territory. They are a marvel of God's creative wisdom and power.

Yet for all that they are, the culmination of God's creation is man, created in His image, able to communicate with the Creator. Jesus loved mankind so much that He became a man to die for men. Jesus reminds us that if God so cared for the birds of the air, that He will care for us. What a joy to know that a God powerful and wise enough to create and care for hummingbirds, cares for us.

Pastor Steve

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Please call to share a need, set up an appointment or request a visit.

CONFIRMATION CLASSES

Confirmation begins at Moniteau Advent in October. We will be meeting after St. Paul's morning service twice a month.

Pastor Steve needs to meet with parents of the kids interested in confirmation for a few minutes on October 7th, following our church service. If you have questions in the meantime, please contact Pastor Steve (319-640-7009).

FAMILIES IN NEED OFFERING

The second offering designated towards Families in Need will be Sunday, October 14. We already have received donations of over a thousand dollars in the fund. Our church is blessed with generous hearts. The committee coordinating this for our church this year is Susan Powell, Janet Coffelt and Melisa Rohrbach.

Who & What We've Been Praying For

Pastor Steve's brother, for his salvation.
Ben Harbor – health issues
Dixie Taggart – healing from ATV accident
The family of Truman Schoenthal
Norma Wood – fell recently
Ed Ambrose – Wanda Lachner's brother going through cancer treatments.
Larry Potter – issues with kidneys
Seth Watson – searching for a church to serve
Claire Fowler – adjusting to new kidney
Rain

Our confirmation class
Our overseas missionaries
WWJD
Jamestown Community Youth Group

Leaders of our country and state, the military serving our homeland, our friends and neighbors that are shut-in's or in nursing homes and hospitals.

FAMILY DAY & BAPTISMS

Our ice cream social was held following a noon lunch on August 26. Families enjoyed playing BINGO until the meal was ready and then enjoyed lots of homemade ice cream.

Several church families met following that at Howard's Creek for the baptisms of Emma and Luke Baepler. Our church is thankful for the decision made by them to be baptized.

SEPTEMBER BOARD REPORT

The Moniteau Evangelical Advent Church board met Sept. 9th, 2018 Present were: Pastor Watson, Jason Wood, Justin Traub, Beth Fennwald and Cindy Wieberg.

Meeting was opened with a prayer.

Secretary's Report: August report was reviewed, Justin made a motion to approve. Beth seconded and was approved.

Treasurer's report:

Nancy was not present and the Treasurer's report was not approved at this time.

Old Business:

Still trying to find someone to repair pews.

Sound system cables were checked and in good condition and Jason made a motion to replace 2 wired microphones that are not working @ a total cost of \$250. Cindy seconded. Motion approved.

Confirmation class to start in October.

New Business:

October family night is on the 27th at 6 p.m.

First Families in need donation \$1030.26 .

Church cleanup 9 a.m. – Noon on Sept. 29th

Financial Peace reunion Sept. 30 at 1:30 p.m.

Meeting concluded with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully Submitted,
Jason D. Wood, Secretary



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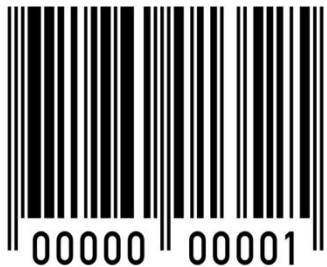
BLAZING NEEDLES SEWING GROUP

Ten members of the sewing group met on September 22 to help sew together hygiene bags for a mission group going to Honduras in November. The group needed a total of 400 bags for the trip and had help from a couple other churches in the county. Blazing Needles was able to make 170 bags for the trip, which exceeded our goal of 100-150 to complete for them.



Blazing Needles will meet next on October 20 at Moniteau, from 9:00 to 2:30. Anyone is welcome to join the group anytime. Bring your own project and materials and enjoy the day with them.

REMEMBER TO BRING IN YOUR BEST CHOICE LABELS



Cindy will need to count and group for mailing by November 25, 2018.

Favor, please trim as closely as you can to the bar code to save on cost of postage.

"Search me, O God, and know my heart; test me and know my anxious thoughts. See if there is any offensive way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting."

Psalm 139:23-24



Read John 14:1-4

Jesus was telling His disciples that in his Father's house are many mansions. A mansion is a really large beautiful house. Jesus said that he was going to prepare a place for them and then would return again. Heaven is going to be the most gorgeous place ever. Your mind will not be able to even think about what it's really like.

Try to imagine having the most expensive home in the world and everything you desire. That won't even compare to what God has in store for us. He has something so much better.

In the book of Revelation, John was shown something very neat. He was shown a New Jerusalem coming down and it was so beautiful. This city had streets of gold that were like transparent glass. God added some pretty jewels; sapphires, emeralds, pearls and more. God is so amazing. He makes such pretty things for us to look forward to. I am looking forward to seeing all He has prepared for us!

One Sunday morning at a small southern church, the new pastor called on one of his older deacons to lead in the opening prayer. The deacon stood up, bowed his head and said, "Lord, I hate buttermilk."

The pastor opened one eye and wondered where this was going. The deacon continued, "Lord, I hate lard." Now the pastor was totally perplexed. The deacon continued, "Lord, I ain't too crazy about plain flour. But after you mix 'em all together and bake 'em in a hot oven, I just love biscuits."

"Lord help us to realize when life gets hard, when things come up that we don't like, whenever we don't understand what You are doing, that we need to wait and see what You are making. After you get through mixing and baking, it'll probably be something even better than biscuits. Amen.

Romans 8:28

