



Moniteau Evangelical Advent Church

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

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Guest Article by Karen Smith

Cancer—for some that means fear of death, but I can't really die. For me "to die is gain." When I received my breast cancer diagnosis, it didn't frighten me. My worries were: What is this going to cost us financially? How will it affect my international ministry? Who will fill in for me? Will I be able to keep tutoring? I have needed to remind myself that, not only "to die is gain," but "to live is Christ." I am His. This is His ministry, His schedule, His family, His bank account, His situation! My God can be trusted to supply substitutes, money, time, and everything I need. I can also trust that "my students" are His to teach, even if I can't do it.

Through my need to communicate with others about my cancer (mostly because of scheduling!), I've learned some interesting things about people. The responses I receive are a good indicator of their spiritual beliefs. From my atheist and non-Christian friends and students I receive encouraging denials in some form of "You'll be fine." From my Christian friends and family I receive encouraging personal stories and assurances of their prayers. Those closest to me encourage me to look for how God wants me to use this—after all "...we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose." (Romans 8:28 ESV) I've been amazed at the love and encouragement from our Christian family—many whom we hardly know. I thank you all for your prayers, kind words and cards.

Relying on God, and trusting him completely, is comforting in hard times. I can welcome something which seems bad, knowing it is for good. I have peace that my atheist friends cannot understand. "Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we[a] have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. 2 Through him we have also obtained access by faith[b] into this grace in which we stand, and we[c] rejoice[d] in hope of the glory of God. 3 Not only that, but we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, 4 and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, 5 and hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us." (Romans 5:1-5 ESV).

We want to encourage you to share what God is doing in your life. If you would like to write an article for the Newsletter, please let Pastor Steve know toward the beginning of the month.



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Monday morning at St. Paul's

Tuesday afternoon at St. Paul's

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

OCTOBER BOARD REPORT

The Moniteau Evangelical Advent Church board met Oct. 7th, 2018 Present were: Pastor Watson, Jason Wood, Justin Traub, Beth Fennewald and Cindy Wieberg.

Meeting was opened with a prayer.

Secretary's Report: September report was reviewed and Cindy made a motion to approve Justin seconded and was approved

Treasurer's report:

Income for Sept. \$3232.86 expenses \$2318.90 and total Assets \$83,890.80. Beth made a motion to approve August and September reports; Justin seconded. Both August and September reports were approved.

Old Business:

Microphones not yet ordered.

Confirmation class to start October 21st.

New Business:

October family night is on Saturday the 27th at 6 pm.

Laura Baepler brought up that there was a Jr. High community youth group that several of the children from our church attend. She asked if we could make a donation to help with food supplies in the amount of \$100. It was discussed and Beth made a motion to give \$100 and Jason seconded. Motion was approved.

Beth asked if the church instead of Sunday School could help pay for supplies for Children's Fellowship in the amount of up to \$100 four times a year. Not to exceed \$400 annually. She said that they would ask for donations first for each event. After a discussion Beth made a motion to approve Cindy seconded and Nancy opposed asking to table for further discussion. Motion was approved.

Christmas decorating will be Dec 1st

December 2nd is the first Sunday of Advent

Meeting concluded with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully Submitted,
 Jason D. Wood, Secretary

Who & What We've Been Praying For

Ed Ambrose – Wanda Lachner's brother going through cancer treatments.

The Upcoming Elections

Pastor Steve's brother, for his salvation.

Dixie Taggart – healing from ATV accident

Our confirmation class
 Jamestown Community Youth Group
 WWJD

Our overseas missionaries

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.

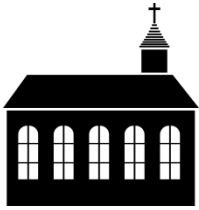
THANKSGIVING THEN

Remember when Thanksgiving was a family day? We would all gather at Grandma and Grandpa's house. Grandma would work for days getting things ready, and the food was all homemade. We gathered around the table and held hands as Grandpa said the blessing. Thanksgiving was a special family day back then.

THANKSGIVING NOW

Today in some families Thanksgiving is just another day; nothing special The food comes from cans and instant box stuff. No one gathers around the table. Some eat in front of the TV and others eat while talking on their phone and he blessing just isn't said anymore It's sad but that is Thanksgiving in some families today.

By Bev Ernst



170th YEAR CELEBRATION

In November, the church will celebrate its 170th anniversary. A service honoring the church history with special readings and music is being planned for November 18, 2018. Previous programs have been reviewed by the board to help organize the celebration.

SUNDAY SCHOOL PICNIC

The annual Breakfast in Shirley Park was hosted by the Moniteau Evangelical Advent Church Sunday School Class on Sunday, October 21st. Approximately 44 people attended, with both regular church members as well as several guests taking advantage of the great fall morning. Even the park's namesake, Shirley Baer, along with her husband, Paul, and her daughter, Bonita, were able to attend.



After a breakfast prayer by Mark Baepler, there was a smorgasbord of scrumptious breakfast treats of all sorts, from the staples of scrambled eggs and biscuits & gravy, to some unbelievable cinnamon rolls, casserole potatoes, apples and sausage, cookies, and many other treats, to be consumed. And for those who were worried about their diets, there were oranges, grapes, apples, and other treats.

And of course, what outdoors breakfast would be complete without some good, strong "cowboy" coffee, coffee grounds and all. If that wasn't to one's liking, there was also juice, lemonade, and water.

The youth spent much of their time when not eating, exploring and working on a log fort in the woods. The

outing was topped off with a hay ride, courtesy of Dale Taggart.

Special thanks to Dale, Kevin Coffelt for the tables, Andrew Rohrbach for the straw bales, and basically to everyone who brought food and even just attended, as we enjoyed not only the food and activity, but the fellowship of each other's company as well. What a wonderful encore to a great Church service, special Music, and a great sermon of encouragement. We are blessed indeed!

BEST CHOICE LABELS

Great news! Enough labels have been collected to earn a \$30 bonus. Please keep collecting and trimming the Best Choice labels. Each year, the church can earn one bonus amount for submitting 1,000 labels. The first mailing will take place in November, soon followed by another in the Spring to have additional funds for summer campers.



Read I Corinthians 13:1-8

God's love is so different from our love. We often don't feel love or express love. God always feels love toward us – for He is love. His love is unconditional, which means, He will always love despite what we do or say. God can never stop loving us. It's in His very nature to love. Even when we say and do wrong things, He still keeps on loving us. We need to build God's love into our lives, so we may love as He does. Let God fill you with His love. Ask Him to help you love people and see them through His eyes. As we continue to walk with Jesus, and choose to respond with love, the more God's love grows in us. So choose today to love God's way.

THE HEALING HOUSE & NEW BEGINNINGS UPDATE

Cindy has been in contact with Heather since her visit in September. Arrangements for the coat and shoe donations have not been finalized. Weekly announcements will update church members interested in providing items. If you are interested in making your own contributions, here is contact information:

Heather Gieck
PO 1682 in Jefferson City, MO 65102-1682
Email address is thehealinghouseandnewbeginnings.org

CHILDREN'S FELLOWSHIP

Children's fellowship was held October 6. There were 17 children present and six helpers. We played toilet paper bowling, mummy wrapping, apple bobbing and decorated pumpkins and bags for Christmas. We would like to thank Claudia for donating the pumpkins and gourds. They were a big hit. Thanks to everyone who helped make the evening a success by either working or donating. Our group continues to grow! If you would like to help sometime contact Beth or Kathy.



REMINDERS:

Annual reports will be compiled by Cindy Wieberg this year. The Congregational Meeting will be December 2. Please submit your report to her on November 18.

These are the active committees that will be listed on the agenda: Sunday School, Historian, Cemetery, Building, Safety, Nurturing, Families in Need, Blazing Needles, Sit & Sew, Sit & Spit, Men's Fellowship, and Children's Fellowship.

Special thank you to Nancy and Jason for serving on the church board for the last three years. They will share their reports at the annual meeting as well.

**Happy
Thanksgiving!**

"FILL A BUCKET" CHALLENGE

The children's message on October 28 demonstrated how the smallest act of kindness can touch and turn around someone's bad day. There is always room in our hearts to receive a compliment or do kind deed. The challenge is for each of us to reach out and do a random act of kindness for a stranger or a friend in need. A smile, written note, or phone call can turn a frown upside down. Thanks for being a "bucket filler." Cindy

SOME THANKSGIVING THOUGHTS FOR YOU

I really like Thanksgiving, because there is not a lot of pressure to go out and buy things. You have to get food, of course. But apart from that, Thanksgiving is not about shopping. It is more about getting together with family and friends and doing what most people love to do, which is eat.

We can enjoy the food. We can enjoy our family. We can enjoy our fellowship. But the real purpose of Thanksgiving is to give thanks. It is a day to focus on giving thanks.

Of course, that is sometimes easier said than done. It is easy when things are going reasonably well, the bills are paid, we have a roof over our head and our health is good. But when times are hard, we don't want to give thanks at all. But here is what the Bible says: "Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good, His love endures forever." (Psalm 106:1, NIV).

Notice this verse does not say to give thanks to the Lord when you feel good. Rather, it says, "Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good."

Someone might say, "Well, what if my heart is not in it? Should I still give thanks?" Yes, you should. Many times when we offer our worship to God, it is just that: a sacrifice. Hebrews 13:15 says, "Through Jesus, therefore, let us continually offer to God a sacrifice of praise—the fruit of lips that openly profess His name."

The Bible not only commands us to give thanks regardless of circumstances, but it also tells us to verbally give thanks to God. It would be like a husband never telling his wife that he loves her. She needs to hear it from him. And of course, a husband needs to hear "I love you" from his wife, too.

God knows all things. He knows whether we love Him. However, He still asks for us to give Him verbal praise. Far too often, we fail to give God what is due him. As Psalm 29:2 reminds us, "Ascribe to the Lord the glory due His name; worship the Lord in the splendor of His holiness."

Greg Laurie

A Thanksgiving challenge

We are invited to 'enter His gates with thanksgiving and His courts with praise.' (Ps. 100) We are told that we are to accompany our prayers with thanksgiving (Phil. 4:6-7). The reason is simple. If we recognize God's goodness to us in the past, we will be able to trust Him with our future. If we are unable or unwilling to thank Him for what He has already done graciously for us, why should we expect Him to do anything else for us? November is a month that focuses on thanksgiving---recognizing what God has done and having the good manners to say, "Thank You, LORD!" Here is the challenge--during the month write down as a family as many things as you can for which to give thanks to God. In giving thanks, you are to recognize that God is the source and that He did not owe it to you. See how many you can think of, write day by day, leave this list on your table so that it is easily available.

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