



# Moniteau Evangelical Advent Church

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

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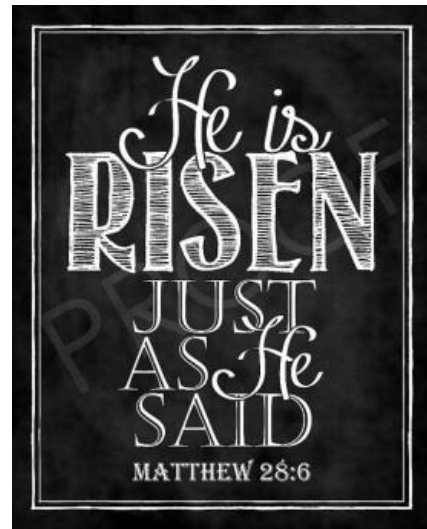
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## Pastor's Pen

This month is a guest article from Mary Kay. In it she shares how she became a Christian and also the importance of being sensitive to what God is doing in the lives of our children.

“When I was still quite a little girl and only seven years old, I went with my parents, brothers and sisters to a church service every night of one week. There was a missionary speaking each night who spoke about Jesus. I don't remember all that he said, but at the end of each night's sermon the speaker said: "If anyone here would like to trust Jesus with all their life, raise your hand and I will help you to do that." I was completely filled with a longing to know and trust Jesus...so I raised my hand...and nothing happened. Every night that week, Monday through Friday, I listened to this missionary speak about how God loved me and to show that great love, He sent Jesus...to love me, to help me, to save me...and every night I raised my hand so he could tell me how I could trust Jesus...and nothing happened. On Friday night the speaker recognized that the same little girl raised her hand every night and he spoke with my father explaining how though he thought I was too young to understand, I had raised my hand every night. My father knew I was a very shy and timid little girl, and he knew I would only have raised my hand if Jesus was calling to me. After we were home that night, my father talked with and prayed with me to help me start on an entire lifetime of loving and trusting Jesus. I was only very little when I began to trust Jesus, but knowing, loving and trusting Jesus through my whole life has been the greatest gift EVER from God!”

Take time to pray for God to work in the children, through the Sunday School, WWJD, the Middle School Youth Group and also the High School Youth Group. Pray and ask how you can be a part of what God is and wants to do.



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Monday morning at St. Paul's  
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Please call to share a need, set up an appointment or request a visit.



## News From Our Missionaries

Hello Family and Friends,

We hope you are enjoying Spring! Since St Patrick's day was just a few days ago, we had a party for students to introduce them to some of the traditions of the holiday and how we celebrate it. It was also a great opportunity to share about the life of St Patrick, who is someone that I didn't know much about before the past few weeks, but that has a really amazing story. In short, he was born in England, and at 16 was captured by pirates and sold into slavery in Ireland, and spent 6 years there tending his master's sheep. During this time he found God, who led him in a dream to escape back to England. However, after studying at a monastery there for a few years, had a dream where God called him back to Ireland to share the Gospel. He went, and using his knowledge of the Irish language and culture, had an incredibly fruitful ministry, baptizing over 100,000 people and planting over 300 churches during his 30+ years of ministry. By the end of his life, Ireland had been changed from a myriad of disconnected, warring, pagan tribes to being mostly united in Christ. Patrick helped abolish the slave trade in Ireland, and founded schools that not only brought knowledge and learning to the people, but also single-handedly saved many of the books whose only other copies were destroyed when the Roman empire fell. What an encouraging story and reminder of how God chooses to use simple, broken people to bring about His Kingdom!

Thanks so much for all of your prayers and for standing with us in the work of the Gospel! We have our annual student conference going on right now (March 17-21). Please pray for our students to be encouraged, taught, and emboldened to walk with Christ and share their faith. And please let us know how you're doing and how we can be praying for you!

Together for His glory,

Nick & Erica

## Coming—where are we going?

Between Ash Wednesday (March 6) and Easter (April 21) we are looking at the last words of Jesus specifically to His disciples. They begin in the Upper Room, having washed the disciple's feet and instituted the Lord's Supper for the church to remember His sacrifice. In John 14-16 we hear his last instructions and thoughts to His disciples (and to us) before going to the cross. There will be opportunities, as we approach Easter, to gather together, to remember both His sacrifice for our sins and His resurrection. Plan to come and prepare your hearts for Easter.

## Who & What We've Been Praying For

Heather Sullard  
Ed Ambrose  
Larry Potter  
Grayden Gatlin  
Dettman Family  
Janet Coffelt's nephew  
Croy family (lost home in a fire)

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.

## Becoming—

### Middle School Youth Group Update

We are focusing on a very simply set of truths.

God is awesomely great

God wants to spend time with you

We ask, "Do you want to spend time with Him?"

Focusing on His greatness, we are desiring to encourage our teens to learn to spend quality time with Him in prayer and reading His word.

We learned about the God who is amazing enough to create the hummingbird (whose heart beats over 200 per minute and whose wings over 1000 per minute). The hummingbird is a miracle of design that cannot have happened by evolution. Both Regina Baepler and Kathy Reimler have taught and shared and of course Sandy Gerlach and Sharon Flippin have provided meals. Trisha Meisenheimer has been invaluable in assisting. We always invite parents to come and for you to pray and become involved.

April 5-7 some are planning to go with a group from New Hope to "Youth Christian Weekend" in Branson. Please be praying for them—for safety and for God to do some good work in them spiritually.





Read: 1 Corinthians 13:1-10; 13

Everything amounts to nothing if we do not have God's love. In fact, everything we do and say should come from a heart of love, and our *response* to what others do and say to us, should be one of love.

If others are angry, mean or abusive towards us, *should we respond the same way back?*

To show God's love in situations like this can be hard as it really does hurt, but it's important to learn not to let what others say or do affect us — after all, it's only their opinion and not the truth. We need to remember this, because they know not what they do (or say).

We need to become love. The more we respond in love, the more we will become love.

Reacting by shouting, saying mean things or hitting does nothing to promote love — it only makes the situation worse.

We all need help in this area, so will you pray this prayer with me:

Lord Jesus, I need your help to respond in love. Lord, you know how much it hurts when others say mean things or do mean things to me, please show me how I can respond with your love. Help me, Lord, to become love. Amen.

## Please Notice This



Announcements have been made at church recently about use of the church thermostat. **Please do not push on the “HOLD” button.** Use the up or down arrows only. Pushing on “HOLD” is making the system run non-stop and causing lots of propane consumption this winter. Please contact one of the board members if you need help adjusting it or have accidentally hit the “HOLD” button so they can re-set it.

Earlier this year Diana Watson announced she wanted to step down as pianist, after 10 years of serving in that role for our church. She has blessed our services with the music she's provided for us, as well as helping out with the Sunday School openings when needed. Thankfully she is still willing to help fill the role when needed and we appreciate that so much. Thank you for your faithful service to our Lord and our church, Diana!

That left us searching for a person or persons to help out in that role. We are fortunate that a volunteer stepped forward almost immediately to come and provide music at our services. Many thanks to Alden Rohrbach for being that person and devoting his time and talents to us on Sunday mornings. We appreciate you!

## EASTER EGG HUNT

The Easter Egg Hunt will be immediately following church on Easter Sunday. If you would like to donate candy, please bring to church by April 14 and give to Melisa or Beth. Thanks for your help!

## “The Story”

The adult Sunday School Class recently started the 31-week study series, *The Story*.

God goes to great lengths to rescue lost and hurting people. That is what *The Story* is all about: the story of the Bible, God's great love affair with humanity. Condensed into 31 accessible chapters,

From the foreword by Max Lucado and Randy Frazee: *“This book tells the grandest, most compelling story of all time: the story of a true God who loves his children, who established for them a way of salvation and provided a route to eternity. Each story in these 31 chapters reveals the God of grace---the God who speaks; the God who acts; the God who listens; the God whose love for his people culminated in his sacrifice of Jesus, his only Son, to atone for the sins of humanity.”*

The class extends an invitation to join them as they go through these next weeks together reading through the Bible. There are still some books and study guides available.