



# Moniteau Evangelical Advent Church

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

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## Pastor's Pen

The story is told of a man that pulls into a filling station in the middle of the desert. He asks the attendant, "Where am I?" The attendant asks, "Where are you going?" "No where in particular," the driver replied to which the attendant said cryptically, "Then it really doesn't matter where you are." In life we need to know both where we are going (our goals) and where we are—then we can chart the course, make the plans, measure if we are making progress, anticipate arrival.

With the beginning of a new year, it is a good time to ask, "Where are you going?" and "Where are you right now in respect to the goal?" An accountant would ask that in terms of your finances—for financial planning. A doctor would ask that in terms of your health—for an exercise and diet plan. A career advisor would ask that in terms of your work plans—to chart a path of professional development. But a pastor asks that in terms of your spiritual condition and goals—knowing that serving Jesus and utilizing your time, talents, finances, gifts for Him and for building His Kingdom will yield rewards for eternity. So, "Where are you spiritually?" . . . . "Where do you desire to ultimately be spiritually?" . . . . "How will you get from where you are to where you desire to be so that when you stand before Jesus you will hear Him say, "Well done, good and faithful servant. Enter into the joy of your LORD."

New Years is a great time to take stock and chart a course for the coming year and for eternity.

*Where are you going? Who will walk beside you?  
When the night is gloomy, Where is the light to guide you?  
And where's your gold, And your silver brightly shining?  
Who writes the music, In the quiet summer morning?  
I'm going where He goes, And He'll be there beside me.  
The love for which He died, Is all I need to guide me.  
And He's my gold, And my silver brightly shining!  
He writes the music, In the quiet summer morning!  
I know where I'm going, But where are you going?*

## Confirmation

We have a confirmation class at Moniteau Advent with 7 young people. We meet on the second and fourth Sundays of the month in the afternoon and are looking at what we believe and building habits for the future—habits of reading the Bible every day, prayer, fellowship and witnessing. We are memorizing verses for each of those areas and are writing a personal doctrinal statement on the Bible, God (who He is and what He is like), Jesus, Salvation and the church. Please be praying for this time of formation.



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

## Coming—where are we going?

In January we are beginning a series—“Things that are True.” As we have listened over the past few years to our politicians and news media, we have heard repeatedly about ‘fake news’ and people have accused one another of lying. The truth is that we cannot communicate and build trust unless we deal in truth. In short, truth is necessary for trust. But we live in a world where Satan (the enemy of God) is actively lying and spreading lies (Jesus called him the father of lies, Jn. 8:44). In our series “Things that Are True” we will be addressing some of those lies and explaining from the Bible what is true. We will be looking at:

Things that are True of God  
Things that are True of this world  
Things that are True of you.

Come and join us.

## Who & What We've Been Praying For

Heather Sullard – cancer  
Jeff Bieri – heart issues  
Ed Ambrose – Wanda Lachner’s brother going through cancer treatments.  
Pastor Steve’s brother, David, for his salvation and an infection he’s battling  
Larry Potter  
Jordan Wood – broken arm  
Grayden Gatlin – at home, still not feeling well  
Dettman Family  
Mike Powell – needs diagnosis on eye issues

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.

## SHARE YOUR “FAMILY IN NEED” EXPERIENCE

Consider writing down your experience meeting one of our families this year that you delivered gifts to and sharing it in our February newsletter. Did you learn something about this family? Did you feel God was blessing you in some way? Were you able to share with them about how much God loves them? Was there a lesson for you from God?

Submit for the newsletter by January 22. Share whether you feel this is a worthwhile project for our community.

## DECEMBER BOARD REPORT

The Moniteau Evangelical Advent Church board met Dec 2nd, 2018 Present were: Pastor Watson, Nancy Baker, Jason Wood, Justin Traub, Beth Fennewald and Cindy Wieberg.

Meeting was opened with a prayer.

**Secretary's Report:** No secretary's report available at the time.

### Treasurer's report:

Income for November total income \$5,441.21 total expenses \$9,371.97 total Assets \$80,374.51. Jason made a motion to approve the November report Justin seconded report was approved.

### Old Business:

Cindy is still working on the church directory and trying to get it finished up.

Pastor and custodial bonuses were set and Beth made a motion to approve and Jason seconded. With none opposed.

### New Business:

Copy of custodial duties were given to Diana for review.

January 6<sup>th</sup> taking down decorations following church services. Board will meet at 12:30.

Meeting concluded with the Lord’s Prayer.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Jason D. Wood, Secretary

## Do You Know Your Hymns?

Dentist's Hymn . . . .	Crown Him with Many Crowns.
Weatherman's Hymn . . . .	There Shall Be Showers of Blessings.
Contractor's Hymn . . . .	The Church's One Foundation.
Tailor's Hymn . . . .	Holy, Holy, Holy.
Golfer's Hymn . . . .	There's a Green Hill Far Away.
Politician's Hymn . . . .	Standing on the Promises!
Optometrist's Hymn. . . .	Open My Eyes That I Might See.
IRS Agent's Hymn . . . .	I Surrender All.
Gossip's Hymn . . . .	Pass It On.
Electrician's Hymn . . . .	Send The Light..
Shopper's Hymn . . . .	Sweet Bye and Bye.
Realtor's Hymn . . . .	I've Got a Mansion, Just Over the Hilltop.
Massage Therapist's Hymn.	He Touched Me.

AND for those who speed on the highway - a few hymns:

55 mph . . . .	God Will Take Care of You
75 mph . . . .	Nearer My God To Thee
85 mph . . . .	This World Is Not My Home
95 mph . . . .	Lord, I'm Coming Home
100 mph . . . .	Precious Memories

Give me a sense of humor, Lord, Give me the grace to see a joke,  
To get some humor out of life, And pass it on to other folks.

## Becoming— Middle School Youth Group Update

We have completed the first semester of the Middle School Youth Group. We really didn't know what this group would look like as we began in the fall, but we have 26 different teens that have come some from our church, but the majority from outside the church, some that do not go to church. So, God is using us to reach a significant part of the Middle School. Kathy Reimler and Pastor Steve do the teaching, Sandy Gerlach and Sharon Flippin provide the food. We have had a lot of good times getting to know one another and, hopefully, getting to know the LORD Jesus. Moving forward we are tentatively planning to have segments:

1. God is awesome—looking at His power and wisdom on both the cosmic scale and the microscopic scale.
2. Forgiveness—how to get past hurts---both how to forgive and how to apologize
3. Humility—appreciating others and having a realistic view of yourself.
4. Perseverance—Just Do It

We need:

1. Prayer warriors that will pray for the workers and for the teens.
2. Workers—we are always looking for people who want to make a difference in lives. If God is laying that on your heart, perhaps you should consider working with the Middle School Youth Group which meets Wednesday, 6:30-8:00 p.m.



### **Read John 6:1-13**

Just like the boy in this story, how he was willing to share his lunch, are you willing to share your things with others? Are there times when you should share with your brother or sister or a friend? It's really good to share your things with others so they, too, can enjoy them and even be blessed by it, as the people were that fed on the boy's lunch.

It pleases God when we share our toys, or food, or whatever we may have that someone else can have enjoyment with. After all, everything we have has been given to us from God. He has shared all good things with us, so we should share them with others. That way we can all experience the blessing of the Lord.

So, are you willing to share today?

## **Encouragement for a New Year**

**"Do not be discouraged, for the LORD your God will be with you wherever you go." Joshua 1:9**

On the first day of a new year many of us wish each other a "Happy New Year!" But as we begin a new year, we need more than a hopeful greeting from the people around us. We need to listen to what God told Joshua about 3,400 years ago. As Joshua was about to lead God's people into the promised land, he had reason to be afraid. He had an enormous task ahead of him, and he was well aware of the dangers that he and the people would soon be facing. He needed God's encouragement.

A new year brings lots of questions: Will our health hold? Will our marriage last? Will I be able to hang onto my job? Will the economy improve? Will there be a terrorist attack or some natural disaster that takes me or my loved ones?

The Creator of the universe comes to us and says, "Don't be afraid; don't be discouraged." What happens in this coming year is not left to chance. God is in charge, and He promises to stay close: "The Lord your God will be with you wherever you go." Many years later, the Lord Jesus made the same promise when He said, "I am with you always" (Matthew 28:20). That's the reason we can wish each other a "Happy New Year!"

--- Arthur Schoonveld

## **" Old Year New Year"**

The days are slowly slipping away; this year is quickly coming to an end.

Very shortly now almost before we know it a brand new year will begin bringing with it new challenges, new hopes, new plans and new dreams.

It will test us in many different ways more than we can sometimes endure it seems. It will give us sorrow and laughter along with disappointment, success and tears. But when it too has ended hopefully we can say "It was one of our happiest years".

*By Bev Ernst*



*Christmas Eve 2018 at Moniteau Evangelical Advent Church*



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