



Moniteau Evangelical Advent Church

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

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From The Pastor's Desk

May 8th is Mother's Day this year. The modern holiday was first celebrated in 1907, when Anna Jarvis held the first Mother's Day service of worship at Andrews Methodist Episcopal Church in Grafton, West Virginia. Her campaign to make Mother's Day a recognized holiday in the United States began in 1905, the year her mother, Ann Reeves Jarvis, died. Ann Jarvis had been a peace activist who cared for wounded soldiers on both sides of the American Civil War. She and another peace activist and suffragette Julia Ward Howe had been urging for the creation of a "Mother's Day For Peace" where mothers would ask that their husbands and sons were no longer killed in wars. Anna Jarvis wanted to honor this and to set aside a day to honor all mothers because she believed a mother is "the person who has done more for you than anyone in the world."

The fifth of the Ten Commandments says, "Honor your father and your mother, so that you may live long in the land the LORD your God is giving you." Honoring your father and mother is the first commandment with a promise. In honoring them, in obedience to the Lord, we are ultimately honoring the Lord who entrusted us into their care.

My dad and mom are gone, but the other day, I ran across a note mom had written to me. She didn't say anything that is earthshattering—but I could almost hear her speak the words. A mother's voice and a mother's words, encouraging, instructing, loving, mark us forever. Sometimes distance separates families (or eventually death) and yet there is something about a mother that is inescapable and marks us for eternity. Take time to think about how your mom has made a difference in your life, what she sacrificed to care for you, how she spent many sleepless nights when you were sick and the countless hours of cooking and cleaning to make your home

enjoyable. As you think of her, remember that she was a gift from the Lord Jesus to you, not a perfect gift, for she too was a sinner and needed a Savior. But, God used her to give you life, and direct that life. Give thanks to Him for her.

Memory Verse for May

Be working on this important verse::

*For the eyes of the Lord are toward the
righteous, and His ears attend to their
prayer. 1 Pet. 3:12*

Be working on this verse as a family. Blessings

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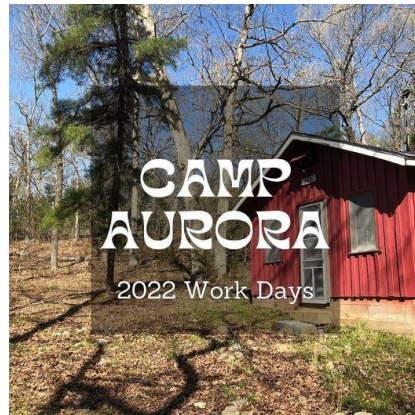
Monday morning at St. Paul's

Tuesday afternoon at St. Paul's

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

Prayer Requests

David & Linda Wittenberger
Tagen Higgins & family
Baepler Families
Kenny Burlingame
Dick Kirchhoff (lung cancer)
Heather Graff-Sullard's Family
Paul & Shirley Baer
Shirley Frieling
Chris Schoenthal
Our country and our leaders



Camp Aurora needs your help preparing for camping season! Join them at any of the work days, starting at 9:00 a.m. Campers receive \$25 off their registration for attending a work day! Work days are: April 23, May 7, May 21, June 4, June 18 and June 25.



We extend our sympathy to the family of David & Linda Wittenberger on the recent passing of her father, Robert Bishop, on April 7. We will continue to keep Linda, David and their family in our thoughts and prayers.



Church camp is just around the corner. Our youth are preparing to raise funds to attend Camp Aurora this year and they need your help.

On May 1, they will be serving breakfast immediately following the morning worship service. On the menu that morning: pancakes, sausage, eggs, hash browns, biscuits and donuts. Free will donations will be appreciated to help cover the cost of their registration fees.

We've heard our kids sharing during worship service each year how much they enjoy their experiences at camp and how they are coming closer to God and benefitting from their time there. This year we have 13 kids wanting to attend and they will need \$3,200 to cover the registration costs for everyone.

Come enjoy having a great breakfast prepared for you, as well as having it served to you by the youth of our church.





There is a Church Work Day scheduled for Saturday, May 7. Mark Baeppler has a list of items that need to be taken care of around the church, as well as the listed posted on the bulletin board. While we know it's hard to pick a date that allows several to come help, we do need to have people there that day to help out with a few specific things. You don't have to stay all day, but many hands make the jobs easier and go faster.

If you can't attend that day, there are several jobs that can be done on your own time frame around that date. Please visit with Mark to sign-up for one of the jobs.

A Word about Evangelism

Jesus said, "Follow Me and I will make you fishers of men." Mts. 4:19. There is a command ("Follow Me") and a promise ("I will make you fishers of men"). If you are not becoming a fisher of men, then you are not following—the two (the command and the promise) are inseparable. As you follow Jesus, you increasingly become like Jesus—and since He had a heart 'to seek and to save that which was lost', He wants to develop within you a heart to seek and to save those that do not know Jesus in a personal way. But fishing is more than a desire—it is a skill. Charles Trumble wrote a classic book on evangelism and tells the story, "'Fishin' Jimmy seemed to have the idea for which the Master Fisherman stood . . . may suggest both the method and the purpose of the Great Commission. Fishing requires patience, knowledge of the interest of his fish, knowledge of the bait that will attract fish, faith in things unseen, skill, delicacy of touch, refusal to be discouraged, unlimited perseverance, conviction that he has not yet exhausted the possibilities of his art . . . all these and more make the true fisherman. And it is important to note that not a single one of these essentials is beyond the power of any one to attain."

Book Recommendation

I ran across a gem of a book, "A Small Book about Why We Hide" by Edward Welch. How Jesus rescues us from insecurity, regret, failure and shame He begins, "We all have voices that tell us we are never enough. If we measure up in school, we don't in sports or attractiveness or anything else. We always have

voices, around us and in us, that assure us we are, indeed, substandard—or average, which feels just as bad." If you can identify with that, then perhaps this book is for you. It is set up as a 50 day journey, read a page or two each day. You can get it on Kindle for \$9.99 which is a lot cheaper (and more helpful) than going to a psychologist.

A Word about Confirmation

Confirmation Class will begin May 4th, Wednesday evening, 5:30-7pm and continue (roughly) every other week through the summer. We have 14 who have signed up and Pastor Steve invites you to pray for him and for them, that this time will be a time of real spiritual growth and development. The goals are: 1) to develop habits that will encourage spiritual growth—just like people need fundamental skills for any endeavor of life, there are foundational skills for the Christian life; 2) Give an overview of the Bible; 3) Help each have a basic understanding of major doctrines of the Bible (What is the Bible? Who is God? How is a person saved? What is church and my role in it?) One of the illustrations we will use is the Navigator Wheel—picture of the Christian life.



Christ must be at the center of the Christian's life. Then there is Prayer and the Word (When we read the Bible we are listening to God, when we pray we are talking to God—there is a conversation). Fellowship is our relationship with other believers—we are to build them up in their faith. Witnessing is our relationship with that that have not yet trusted in the Lord Jesus. All of these 'spokes' must be in the wheel or the Christian life doesn't 'roll.'



APRIL FAMILY FELLOWSHIP

In spite of some rainy weather, we had a great crowd at our April 24 Family Fellowship dinner and Talent Show. Diana Watson's family hosted and prepared some great hamburgers, hot dogs and brats for everyone. The side dishes and desserts brought by everyone else helped round out a great meal. No one left hungry!

And, the Talent Show did not disappoint! The opening act was a "church favorite" with the Baepler family standing on their heads. Some of the other acts represented were: doing backstands, piano recitals, a duet of several songs, demonstrating how to walk a pig (with a friend playing the role of the pig), magic/card tricks/puzzles, how to dribble a basketball and sharing jokes. Everyone witnessed a cat being trained to "sit", also! Another talent you may want to see is Clara Baepler and Otto Rohrbach using the hula hoop! I'm sure they'll be happy to perform again for you.

Thanks to everyone that helped organize, set-up, prepare and clean-up for the meal. Another round of thanks for the coordinators of the Talent Show and all the participants who gave us another wonderful show.

Moniteau Evangelical Advent Church Board Report – March 2022

Moniteau Evangelical Advent Church Board met on March 28, 2022. Meeting was called to order by Mark Baepler. Also present were Pastor Steve Watson, Kathy Gerlach, Paul Fennewald, Diana Watson and Kevin Coffelt. Pastor Steve gave the opening prayer.

Pastor's Report:

Pastor Steve presented his monthly report to the board. Updates on WWJD and Community Youth Groups. Confirmation Class at St. Paul's will have 13 kids. Has a speaker from Samaritan's Purse to come on Mission Fest. Will be gone May 14-15; Jim Barnes will provide the sermon that weekend. Working on the Good Friday and Easter Sunrise services. VBS planning in the works. Question was asked if he's been following up with others by phone that have not been to church recently; some names provided with concerns about them; confirmed he has or will be contacting them soon.

Secretary's Report:

The February meeting minutes were submitted for review, with one item from the last meeting needing to be added. Paul made a motion to approve the amended report; Diana seconded. All in favor.

Treasurer's Report:

Treasurer's Report for February was presented for review. Income for the month was \$8,982.55; expenses were \$2,613.51; total assets \$98,805.73. Diana made a motion to approve; Kathy seconded. All in favor. Paul indicated the special offering on March 27 for Healing House was \$759. He asked that Kathy mail the check to them along with a letter. He reviewed a few bills just received that he will be paying soon and will be reflected on the March report.

Old Business:

Paul indicated he and Kathy had worked on the Google account drive and that it seemed to work good for both of them to have access. He was asked to start drawing up a records retention policy for the board to review, so we will have a standard practice in place. At this point we will allow two board members access to make changes on the Google account (Paul and Kathy), but still be able to allow "view" access to others.

Mark indicated he has the sound system for the basement and they hope to have it hooked up soon.

Mark stated Kevin will be overseeing the gravel and work for the parking areas around the church. He noted his plans/estimated costs for the parking areas. Board felt this would be fine as long as due diligence was done on the best pricing/cost. Kevin noted he hoped to have the hauling donated for us and hopes to get started in early April, with the hope to complete by Easter. Paul made a motion for Kevin to proceed with his plans up to the \$1500 authority the board has, and if this will run over that amount, this will need to be taken to the congregation for approval. Diana seconded the motion; all in favor. Following further discussion, it was decided that Kevin obtain a complete bid for all the work and then the project and dollar amount will be presented to the congregation for approval.

The adult Sunday School Curriculum has been ordered and should be here soon.

New Business:

This year's church work day is set for Saturday, May 7. Mark will be putting together a list of things we want to get done. Board agreed not everything had to be done that day, but we will be looking for help to get everything done as soon as possible around that time.

Paul and Mark indicated Russell approached them about the Building Committee meeting soon and they would like to start getting bids on siding for the church to present to the board for their thoughts.

The next Family Fellowship will be on Sunday, April 24, and be hosted by Diana. Mark will talk with Andrew and Beth to see if they will organize the Talent Show for the same day.

Someone indicated the glare from the sun through the east side windows was bothering them during the services. Asked if we would cover them somehow. Board discussed

this and agreed they did not want to cover them at this time, but would continue to look into other options to help resolve this.

Laura Baepler and Sarah Traub had indicated some new costumes for the Christmas Play were needed and asked the Blazing Needles group if they would make some someone for them, and asked the board about budgeting funds for fabric. At this time the board is going to reach out to an individual they felt may have fabric they would donate to help out with this.

Diana asked about re-seeding the area by the old basketball court. Discussion on looking into re-doing the concrete possibly. Will look into options and report back next month. Paul noted the Sit & Spit / Sugar & Spice group would like to put up a fire ring of some kind on the far side of the yard for them to use during the year, with board's approval. Board okayed to proceed.

Families in Need Project was brought up. Paul is going to submit a list of goals/criteria that they had used in the past to compare with the process now before further discussion.

Dates to Remember:

- April 10 – Palm Sunday
- April 10 – Sit & Spit / Sugar & Spice
- April 11 – Men's Fellowship
- April 14 – Maundy Thursday Service at St. Paul's, 7:00 p.m.
- April 15 – Good Friday Service at Moniteau, 7:00 p.m.
- April 17 – Easter
- April 17 – Communion
- April 24 – Family Fellowship
- April 25 – Board Meeting

Adjournment:

Paul made a motion to adjourn; Diana seconded; all in favor. Meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Kathy Gerlach, Secretary



Funny Mom Quotes

“May your coffee be stronger than your toddler.” – Unknown

“Nothing is lost until your mother can't find it.” – Unknown

“It's not easy being a mother. If it were, fathers would do it.” – Golden Girls

“Becoming a mother makes you realize you can do almost anything one-handed.” – Unknown

“Life doesn't come with a manual; it comes with a mother” – Unknown

“Sometimes I open my mouth and my mother comes out.” – Unknown

“A sleeping baby is the new happy hour.” – Unknown

“Motherhood: if you think my hands are full, you should see my heart.” – Unknown



From Mary Kay

I feel that I have pretty much wrapped up what I have to write about God's purpose in creating women, but I want to add some excellent thoughts a couple of women whose opinions I truly cherish were gutsy enough to send me. I say that because, not surprisingly to me, most women's responses to me when I have asked them in what way do they believe God created them to "be what their husband lacked" in order that they could fulfill God's purpose in their life, tell me that they don't believe they have done a good job of that at all. I hear that, and I wish so much it were not so. I understand where it comes from...unfortunately all too often it comes from misunderstanding God's Word...which is often closely connected to how many preachers, writers and teachers of the scripture through history have presented men and women from the text. It is why I have urged you to make number one of your own purposes in life to know God through His written word, through His Word made flesh who dwelt among us, and through walking in step with the Holy Spirit of God within you. I did ask those I requested to share with me, if I could share their material with you, and both gave their permission. Here are some terrific words of wisdom for us all. The first is a young wife. The second has been married to her man over 40 years.

*Gentleness: My husband's default is order and obedience. I temper his desire for order and obedience with a sort of gentleness. Color: Literally and figuratively speaking, I believe I bring color to his life. In a way that he brings steadiness and order to mine, I bring fun and spunk. From the decorations in our home...he, if left alone in a home would have the essentials and would have things only in white, gray, and perhaps some navy blue. There would likely be swords and knives displayed all over, and maybe a castle picture but not much else. I bring green in the live plants (which he rolls his eyes at), orange in one of my favorite rugs (which he also rolled his eyes at), a blue dining room...etc., etc. But I do think that I bring comfort to the home. I am not just referring to decor either, but warmth. For me it is not about collecting all the things to make a "perfect" space (though, I do fight against these desires on a regular basis), but it is about creating a warm space; a space that is inviting. So, things like opening the door in anticipation of company, offering a place to rest which is quiet at times and open to slow and perhaps difficult conversation, but also recognizing that often people may feel more comfortable when a home reflects their own: noisy with kids, laughter and tears, dishes in the sink or magazines and books on side tables (dare I suggest not stacked neatly, but open and scattered as evidence of having been in the process of being read). Allowing a space like this to naturally occur in some ways can make people feel more comfortable. So, I do think that I have created some of this in putting my foot down on the number of swords that I am willing to have hung (more than one or two may be slightly intimidating to some), but in the way that it takes two in a marriage, he has pushed me to relax my visions of "perfect hosting." I also help him get out of his shell. As much as his introversion wants to take over, I think others need to see his heart. My need for community pushes him to see and engage with others probably more than he would without me (whether he likes it or not). Prayer: God gives me insight on things to pray for. I think God has built marriage in a way that gives us ample opportunities to see one another's sin in all its messy glory. I can choose to see my husband's sin as an affront to me, or I can choose to see them as affronts to God and His ways. When I see them as against God, I can pray. When I pray, I first try to make it a habit of praying for myself first. That God would show me how I may be sinning first, and then I pray for my husband: that I may understand how to pray and have insight into what God may be trying to do in his heart. God's ways and answers are always better, and I consider it a privilege to enter into God's work in his heart. When I see prayers answered, it strengthens my faith in a way that would not have happened if I had thought I changed his ways based on my own profound and convincing words (*read with a smirk*). A second set of eyes: Now, my husband will roll his eyes at me telling this story, but I will forever cling to it as proof that I do bring something good to the table! Shortly after we moved into our new home, our garage door stopped working. It would open just 2 inches and then stop. Once I was able to tell him about our broken garage door, I walked out with him to inspect it. I didn't see anything obviously wrong right away, so I left him to do the dirty work of trying to figure out the actual problem. After tending to the kids a bit, I went out again to see if he had figured anything out. He had not. I looked a bit more and saw that at the top of the garage door there was a big round black thing that looked different on the right than it did on the left. So, I pointed this out to him and said something like, "Hey do you think it has something to do with the black broken thing? It looks different on this side than it does over there." He said something like, "Nah, that's nothing." I left again to leave him to do the fixing. I'm not sure if it happened that day or a day or two later, but he finally came back to me and said that I was right. It was indeed the broken black thing (a coil in case you are still wondering). Ha! Well, I pride myself on that day. But really, a second set of eyes does sometimes help! He can do it 90% of the time on his own. He is fully capable and obviously smart enough that he would have eventually come to this conclusion independently, but perhaps God gave him me in order to learn how to work alongside someone else and appreciate another set of eyes. "Nevertheless, in the Lord woman is not independent of man, nor is man independent of woman." 1 Corinthians 11:11*