

The Carillon



The Vision of Monticello Presbyterian Church:

To grow as a family of disciples, inspired by God's Word, so that we may reach out as Christ's body in service to our community.

March 2017

SPECIAL LENT AND EASTER WORSHIP SERVICES



MARCH 1

Ash Wednesday

Giving Up

Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21

We will celebrate the sacrament of Holy Communion and the Ritual of the Imposition of Ashes during worship,
7:00 p.m.

Join us for a simple meal of soups, salads, and breads in the Fellowship Hall, 6:15 p.m.

Reservations may be made by calling the church office, 706.468.6192

Childcare will be provided.

APRIL 9

Palm Sunday

Woman with the Alabaster Jar: Anointed

Matthew 26:1-16

We will confirm our 2017 confirmands during worship and everyone is invited to the Fellowship Hall after worship for a potluck congregational luncheon and an Easter Egg Hunt on the church grounds for toddlers – fifth graders at 1:00 p.m. **SHARP!**

APRIL 13

Maundy Thursday

Tenebrae: A Service of Deepening Shadows

We will celebrate the sacrament of Holy Communion during worship, 7:00 p.m.

Join us for an elegant but simple meal in the Fellowship Hall, 6:15 p.m.

Reservations may be made by calling the church office, 706.468.6192.

Childcare will be provided.

APRIL 16

Easter Community Sunrise Service

7:00 a.m.

Bring your lawn chair to the Historic Square to hear with our sisters and brothers in Christ the Good News!

Following the service, join us in the MPC Fellowship Hall for breakfast.

Easter at MPC

He is Risen!

John 20:1-18



As is our tradition, you are invited to bring symbols of resurrection, cut flowers, to place around the foot of the cross in the center of the Courtyard Garden.

Our MPC Handbell Choir will offer the gift of music during worship.

LENTEN WEDNESDAYS AT MPC

March 8 – April 5

Looking for ways to deepen your journey to the cross? Here are some choices!

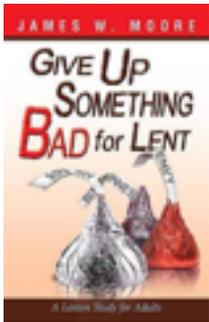
CONTEMPLATIVE PRAYER

9:00 -9:30 a.m.

Join us in the Sanctuary for a time of silent reflection and prayer shaped by the weekly biblical story and quilt hanging used in our Sunday worship.

LENTEN STUDIES

Give Up Something Bad for Lent
by James E. Moore



Wednesdays, March 8 - April 5
Fellowship Hall

Lunch and study
11:30 am

or

Dinner and study
6:00 pm

Using James W. Moore's book, *Give Up Something Bad for Lent*, we'll look at giving up something as an act of sacrifice and spiritual discipline. Often we give up something like chocolate (or coffee!!) knowing that after Easter we can once again enjoy what we have given up. Moore will challenge us to take it further to give up something we are better off not doing. He invites us to seek God's help to focus on eliminating one habit or attitude that is destructive. Imagine giving up envy, jealousy, self-pity, apathy, procrastination, gossip, resentment, or negative thinking. Imagine the new life!

Join us for simple meals in the Fellowship Hall, 11:30 a.m. and 6:00 p.m.

Reservations may be made by calling the church office, 706.468.6192

Childcare will be provided for evening sessions.



**PRESBYTERIAN
WOMEN**

The Presbyterian Women are continuing their study of *Who is Jesus?* This month we are studying chapter 7, *Matthew 1-2*, and *Luke 1-2*.

We will be meeting on Monday night, March 6, in the Music Room at 7:00 pm and Tuesday, March 7, in the Fellowship Hall at 10:00 am.

Youth Group Calendar



K-5th Grade Youth Group

Join us for fun, fellowship and Bible study at Monticello First United Methodist Church, Sundays, 5:00 – 6:30 p.m.

Middle School and High School Youth Group

Join us for fun, fellowship, and Bible study at the Monticello First United Methodist Church Youth House, Sundays, 5:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.

March 5: Movie Night

March 12: Youth group

March 19: Talent Show!)Be there at 4:30 pm to prepare of the 5:00 pm show!)

March 26: Messy Games (Be ready to get messy!)

Payments due:

MS Mission Trip, \$100 due March 5

Choir Camp, \$100 due March 26

Camp Grow
Rising 1st - 6th Grades
June 26 - 30
\$135



Monticello First United Methodist Church
9:00 am - 5:30 pm Mon-Thurs,
9:00 am - 12:30 pm Friday

Register: www.GrowDayCamps.org



Vacation Bible School
June 5 - 9
6:00 pm - 8:30 pm
Monticello First United
Methodist Church

At VBS Hero Central, your students will enjoy an interactive, energizing, Bible-based good time as they discover their strength in God. They will become Heroes and explore how to serve God and God's mission for their lives.

After a high-energy opening assembly at Hero Central, the Heroes make their way to the Bible Story Headquarters. Interactive Bible lessons reveal Hero Codes to equip your Heroes for an active life with God. Your Heroes will discover a Hero Verse (Bible memory verse) that will remain with them in their faith long after VBS.

The students will expand on what they've discovered by participating in a variety of activities: making their own art projects at Craft Headquarters, singing new songs at Music Headquarters, exploring the wonders of creation at Science Headquarters, playing games at Recreation Headquarters, and enjoying tasty treats at Snack Headquarters. Along the way, the Heroes will hear about our mission project and as their respond to a call for action!

Let's go!

To register or to find out more about VBS Hero Central, call the Monticello First United Methodist Church office at 706.468.6118 Monday through Thursday or visit the church website at www.monticellofirstumc.com.



The Jasper County Historical
Foundation
proudly presents
MUSICAL THEATER CAMP 2017
at Thomas Persons Hall
ROCK & ROLL REVUE!

JUNE 12 - 16, 2017

8:30am - 1:15pm

Breakfast AND Lunch
will be provided
Performance

Friday, June 16 - 7:00 pm

Cost is \$95 for the week

Open to BOYS AND GIRLS ages 7-16
(ABSOLUTELY NO EXPERIENCE NECESSARY)

For more information or a registration form
visit www.ThomasPersonsHall.com or call

706-468-2659



Opportunities to serve as disciples in our community and world...

ML&J Mission

In collaboration with Family Connections, we will provide 100 backpacks for the Back to School Rally. However, we always need more backpacks, especially ones suited for our youngest school children. So if you find some at reasonable prices, please consider buying them and donating them to ML&J.





Summer Mission Trips and Fundraising

Summer mission trips are coming! It's time to start fundraising! We need approximately \$25,000 to send more than 30 missionaries from our church to North Carolina, Arkansas, Honduras, and our local community. Please give prayerfully and generously in the following ways:

- ★ A **Wall O' Mission** will be located in the hallway between the Sanctuary and Fellowship Hall throughout the month of March. Envelopes ranging from \$1 to \$200 will be posted on the wall. Please donate the amount shown on the envelope and place it in the offering plate during Sunday worship, or return the filled envelope to the church office. Last year's Wall o' Mission raised over \$16,000. Let's see if we can exceed that this year!
- ★ Several church meals will be served during Lent: an Ash Wednesday supper, a Palm Sunday lunch after church, and a Maundy Thursday supper. Donations for the mission trips will be collected at these meals.
- ★ A special offering will be received during worship on Sunday, April 30.



Jesus fed the hungry...

Our 2017 Confirmation Class chose as its class project, the ministry of feeding our hungriest neighbors through the Jasper County Food Bank. Put these items on your weekly shopping list and bring them to worship on Sunday mornings:

- March 5 – Fountain of Fruit...bring canned fruit
- March 12 – Mountain of Macaroni...bring boxed pasta products
- March 19 – Tunnels of Tuna...bring canned tuna fish
- March 26 – Pinnacles of Peanut Butter and Jelly...bring jars of peanut butter and jelly
- April 2 – Sea of Soup...bring canned soup
- April 9 – Continents of Cereal...bring boxes of breakfast cereal

Women's Sewing Group and Liturgical Arts Team

During the Lenten season our Women's Sewing Group is making 10 baby gowns for the Piedmont Newton Hospital's ministry to grieving parents. These baby gowns will be used to clothe infants who have died in childbirth, and the gowns will be blessed and the grieving families lifted up in prayer during worship on Sunday, March 26. The Women's Sewing Group invites you to bring small stuffed animals and decorative cardboard boxes (available at Hobby Lobby or Michael's) to be used by the families in the burial process.



At the request of the Women's Oncology Center at the Coliseum Hospital, our talented seamstresses are busy creating mastectomy bags and mastectomy pillows to be used by patients who have undergone surgery. These colorful, simple items bring great comfort to women recovering from surgical procedures. We will bless these gifts during worship on Sunday, March 26 also, and pray for the healing of all who receive these handmade gifts of love. Please contact Lura Currie or Jill Dyer with your questions.

A group of talented "thread and needle" artists have been creating paraments for the sanctuary, and we hope to be able to dedicate these exquisite works of textile art during the Lenten Season. An installation of quilts created over the years by our own Carol West will enhance our Lenten and Easter worship. Each week a quilt will be displayed in the Sanctuary and then taken to the Fellowship Hall for viewing throughout the season. Many thanks to Carol for the generous sharing of her time and incredible talents with her church family and for the organization of this installation by members of the Liturgical Arts Team!



ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING
SPECIAL OFFERINGS

Lenten/Easter Offering
April 9, 2017

Last Sunday I shared the verse from Luke 10:27 with children. I am sure you know it well. He answered, “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbor as yourself.” Then today as I began to look at the One Great Hour of Sharing materials on the PCUSA website here was Lev. 19:18 You shall love your neighbor as yourself. So I realized that this teaching of Jesus that is so important to my own belief system comes from the Old Testament. This gives me some new things to think about. God is always teaching me.

We know Jesus’ ministry was among those who were most vulnerable. He preached good news to the poor and release to the captives. One Great Hour of Sharing helps us share this same good news to those same vulnerable people in our world today: those who are hungry, who are suffering from disaster, who are dealing with oppression in society. Jesus taught us that all of these people are our neighbors.

Every gift made to this offering will meet the needs of people, and I’d like to invite you to visit the OGHS website (www.presbyterianmission.org/oghs) to find out more information on how your support helps people all over the world, and offer prayers for the projects and people who receive them. The organizations that support these ministries are the The Self-Development of People, The Presbyterian Hunger Program and the Presbyterian Disaster Assistance. Our senior high youth along with Gail Harrell and Betty Jean Jordan will be traveling to Ferncliff Camp and Conference Center, Little Rock Arkansas June 18-24 to work with Presbyterian Disaster Assistance and the Heifer Project.

OGHS programs to respond to the needs of our poorest and hungriest neighbors, those programs can only do so to the extent of our generosity. We know that giving opens our hearts to God’s work in our own life. So I hope that you’ll join me on Sunday, **April 9, 2017**, and that you’ll join Christians all across the country in opening their hearts to witness tangibly to the abundant love of God through One Great Hour of Sharing.

Lisa Stork



Tutoring at Washington Park

Tutoring for students in math and reading will be held at Washington Park Elementary School from February 21 – March 31. 3rd – 5th graders in nine classrooms are being served. Please contact Debby Kelly, roykelly@bellsouth.net if you are interested in volunteering.



Online Giving

Our church is very excited to offer online giving – an easy and convenient way to give your tithes and offerings using a debit or credit card or electronic funds transfer. The service, which is hosted by the Presbyterian Foundation, is easily accessed through the church website. You can rest easy knowing that the transaction is safe and secure, and your gift will be available to our ministry immediately, with no waiting periods.

Online giving offers benefits both for you and for the church:

- You can save a trip to the ATM on Sunday morning and avoid forgetting your checkbook or having to quickly fill out a check to make your gift
- You can also set up recurring donations to continue giving faithfully even on weeks you are not able to attend services
- The church benefits from a more steady and reliable flow of gifts
- Work to process checks and cash gifts is reduced when gifts are made online instead.

Visit www.monticellopreschurch.org today and see for yourself how easy it is to give online.

As we continue to grow the culture of stewardship and generosity in our church to include online giving, we ask that you also help us to spread the word.

Financial Report

Gifts in memory of
Gene Trammell
have been received.

	January	YTD
Operating Fund Contributions	\$17,915	\$17,915
Capital Fund Gifts	\$2,657	\$2,657
ML&J	\$2,573	\$2,573
Mullins	\$216	\$216
Mission	\$200	\$200
SouperBowl of Caring	\$847	\$847
Operating Expenses	\$16,904	\$16,904

March

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			<p>1 10:00 am Women's Sewing Group</p> <p>6:15 pm Congregational Dinner</p> <p>7:00 pm Ash Wednesday Service</p>	<p>2 8:00 am Exercise</p>	<p>3</p> <p>7:00 pm Missed-It Movie Night, K-5th graders, Mega TV Room</p>	<p>4</p>
<p>5 9:45 am Sunday School 11:00 am Worship and congregational meeting Noon Confirmation Class at JCFB</p> <p>5:00 pm K-12 Grade Youth Groups @MFUMC 7:00 pm Choir practice</p>	<p>6 9:00 am <i>When Anything Goes</i> @Vanilla Bean</p> <p>7:00 pm PW Circle in Music Room</p>	<p>7 8:00 am Exercise</p> <p>10:00 am PW Circle</p> <p>7:00 pm Ken and Friends</p>	<p>8 9:00 am Contemplative prayer, Sanctuary 11:30 am Lenten study and lunch, FH</p> <p>5:15 pm Children's choir 6:00 pm Lenten Study and Supper, FH</p>	<p>9 8:00 am Exercise</p>	<p>10</p>	<p>11</p>
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					<p>Northeast Georgia Presbytery Retreat for Middle Schoolers - High Schoolers - Reid Memorial, Augusta</p>	
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Volunteers for March

Elder of the Month: Betty Jean Jordan

Building Stewards: Tom and Pat Matthews and Stacy and Pam Edge

March 1, Ash Wednesday:

Ushers/Greeters: Ralph Lam and Bob Schwartz

Preparing Communion: Lura Currie

Serving Communion: Gail Harrell and John Stork

March 5:

K-4th SS teacher: Stephanie Kelly

Acolyte: Nina Matthews

Liturgist: Bob Trouteaud

Ushers/Greeters: The Brady Family

Children's Worship: Elizabeth Strawn

Flowers: Mary Lou Jordan

Sunday school assembly: Stone Workman

March 12:

K-4th SS teacher: Lyndsy Holman

Acolyte: Tom Schilling

Liturgist: Betty Jean Jordan

Ushers/Greeters: David and Jill Dyer

Children's Worship: Lynne Jordan

Flowers: Debby Kelly

Sunday school assembly: Jimmy Jordan and Steve Jordan

March 19:

K-4th SS teacher: Pat Matthews

Acolyte: Kate Schilling

Liturgist: Sheryl Schwartz

Ushers/Greeters: Pam and Stacy Edge

Children's Worship: Elaine Schilling

Flowers: Jean Workman

Sunday school assembly: Ken Sanvidge

March 26:

K-4th SS teacher: Kelly DeGarmo

Acolyte: Adelyn Walls

Liturgist: Steve Jordan

Ushers/Greeters: Barbie Walls and Joan Holt

Children's Worship: Lyndsy Holman and Leah Campbell

Flowers: Beth Whitmire

Sunday school assembly: Stan Humphreys and Brody DeGarmo

If you cannot be present, please swap with someone and let the office know who will be serving.



MARCH

- 3/1 – Carson Mullinax
Paul Campbell
- 3/2 – Theron Edwards
Wynette Bryant
- 3/6 – Ed Edwards
Kate Schilling
Judy Moody
- 3/7 – Melissa Harvey
- 3/8 – Joseph Beck
- 3/9 – Owen Brady
- 3/11 – Ron Smith
Amanda Moore
- 3/13 – Pam Edge
Daniel Miller
- 3/16 – Bonner Jordan Clifford
- 3/17 – Parker Kelly
- 3/18 – Ethan Huff
- 3/21 – Paul Holmes
- 3/22 – Meredith Jordan Brown
- 3/23 – Steve Jordan
Joseph Gasses
- 3/25 – Ben Perry
- 3/29 – Savannah McGinnis
Lincoln Campbell ('12)



Happy Anniversary

March 17 - Jennifer and Shane Whitmire
March 30 - Kathy and Sam McCowan

Is your anniversary in March? We would like to celebrate with you! Let the office know your wedding date, so we can celebrate with you,
mpc31064@bellsouth.net or 607-468-6192.

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Serving the Church

Rindy Trouteaud.....Pastor and Teaching Elder

Leah Wilson..... Moderator, Presbyterian Women

*Ruling Elder Serving on Session

Lura Currie.....Congregation Care Com.,
and Hospitality Subcom.

David Dyer.....Stewardship Subcom.,
Endowment Subcom.

*Ed Edwards.....Property Subcom.

*Gail Harrell..... Personnel Subcom.

Lyndsy Holman.....Spiritual Formation Com.

*Betty Jean Jordan.....Outreach & Evangelism Com.

*Jimmy Jordan.....Nominating Com.

*Joanne Jordan.....Congregation Care Com.,
Communications Subcom.

Endowment Subcom.

Linda Jordan.....Treasurer, Finance Subcom.,
Endowment Subcom.

Lynne Jordan.....Worship Com.

*Sam McCowan.....Property Subcom.

*John Stork.....Clerk of Session

Bob TrouteaudTechnology Subcom.

*Leah Wilson.....Management Com.

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