

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.

May 2017

Breakfast honoring our 2017 high school, college, and graduate school graduates

Sunday, May 7
8:30 a.m.
Fellowship Hall



Come help us celebrate our

high school graduates:

Mack Brady
Hunter Candler
Jace DeGarmo
Chasen Edge
Sinclair Hequembourg
Maximilian Hess
Davis Jones
Jamie Manning
Sean McCowan
Matthew Updike
Bailey Whitmire

college graduates:

Olivia Aldridge
Ellie Bowden
Bethany Cargile,

graduate school graduate:

Grace Aldridge Foster

A meal of breakfast strata, doughnuts, sweet rolls, waffles, juice, coffee, and tea will be provided. Reservations are necessary, so please call the church office, 706-468-6192.



Community Baccalaureate Service

Sunday, May 7

2:30 p.m.

Monticello Baptist Church
Rev. Nathaniel Long, preaching

Opportunities to grow as disciples...



PRESBYTERIAN
WOMEN

The Presbyterian Women are continuing their study of *Who is Jesus?* This month we are studying the last lesson in our study of *Who Is Jesus*. We will collect the Birthday Offering during this meeting.

We will be meeting on Monday, May 1, in the Music Room at 7:00 pm and Tuesday, May 2, in the Fellowship Hall at 10:00 am.

Gratitude Grace Notes

Please send us any prayer request updates and good news for our *Gratitude Grace Notes*. You can send them electronically to mpc31064@bellsouth.net or by text or phone to 770.401.5554. This publication will be sent to you electronically, and copies will be available in the racks near the church doors.



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 MFUMC Youth House, Sundays, 5:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.

April 30: Tree Climbing at Charlie Elliott

Meet at MFUMC at 3:30 p.m. \$20 per person
All permission forms are due to Jordana.

Payments due:

HS Mission Trip, \$100 due May 7

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

Summer Mission Trips and Fundraising



More than 50 missionaries from our church are looking forward to sharing God's love this summer in North Carolina, Arkansas, Honduras, and our local community. They need our help! It will cost more than \$25,000 for everyone to go. Each missionary has already paid at least 10% of the cost of his/her trip.

Including these payments, donations through the Wall O' Mission, and offerings received at church meals during Lent, so far we have raised \$9,675.

We have another big opportunity to help our missionaries. On Sunday, April 30 during the worship service, a special offering will be received for our summer mission trips. Thank you for your generous support!

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.



MPC Hospitality

Although I've been a member of Monticello Presbyterian Church for more than 20 years, I'm still learning wonderfully distinct ways that Presbyterians understand God's love for all of us. One of those ways is through the hospitality we offer each other. I've heard Rindy preach about hospitality, and I've seen people like Lura Currie demonstrate it. So when I saw a unique opportunity to offer hospitality to a foreigner - Felix Abayomi from Nigeria - it clearly seemed to be God's call. Even better, you all helped me answer that call.

Felix is a zoologist and wildlife conservationist who is spending several months in the United States. The primary purpose of his trip is presenting a paper at the 2017 Symposium on Sea Turtle Biology and Conservation in Las Vegas on April 15-20. This annual event is held in a different country each year and draws scientists and other experts from around the world. During his time in the U.S., Felix is also visiting wildlife conservation organizations in various states to learn about the administrative side of such efforts. Along the way, he seeks to educate anyone interested in wildlife conservation, particularly young people.



I met Felix through the March for Science page on Facebook. When he posted about coming to South Carolina and Georgia, I offered to help him set up a visit to the Georgia Sea Turtle Center on Jekyll Island. Then I learned that one of his greatest needs was finding accommodations. As crazy as it may sound - meeting a stranger on Facebook and providing him a place to stay - I stepped out on faith. So did Robert. Well, really it was more like Robert went along with yet another one of my far-out ideas.

What a blessing it has been to find a new friend in Felix! If you were able to come to his sea turtle presentation at our church, I hope you got a sense of his kindness and determination as well as the great need for his conservation work. Also, thank you for welcoming him so warmly as he joined us for Sunday and Maundy Thursday worship.

Felix had a busy twelve days in Monticello. In addition to speaking at our church, he gave presentations at Jasper County Primary School and Jasper County High School. He met with John Jensen, one of our Jasper County neighbors who is a herpetologist with the Georgia Department of Natural Resources. Also, I took Felix to [Zoo Atlanta](#), the Piedmont Wildlife Refuge, the Charlie Elliott Wildlife Center, and the [Georgia Aquarium](#). It was particularly interesting to get Felix's perspective on the roles that zoos and aquariums should play in wildlife rehabilitation and conservation.

Please pray for Felix and his work as he returns home. He faces numerous hurdles, including widespread corruption, greed, and apathy in his government and community. He also is concerned about the safety of his wife and children as he takes sometimes unpopular stances. Nevertheless, he sees his calling as protecting wildlife and caring for God's creation in Nigeria. If you would like to learn more, please visit www.wildlifeafrica.org.

I think God calls us to offer hospitality because it strengthens our connections with each other and helps us remember that all of us are God's beloved children. So, I challenge you to look for ways to offer hospitality. Who knows? You might even make a new friend.

Betty Jean Jordan

Treat the foreigner the same as a native. Love him like one of your own. Remember that you were once foreigners in Egypt. I am God, your God. - Leviticus 19:34



Mother's Day Offering

This Mother's Day you have the privilege of lifting up your heart and hands in support of more than 400 of the 1,000 older residents of Presbyterian Homes of Georgia. As many of you know, the Caring Hands Fund of Presbyterian Homes provides critical care for those 400 residents who through no fault of their own have simply outlived their savings

and now depend in large part on the Church for their daily care. Most of them are women who treasured being daughters, wives, and mothers but now need the support of a larger community to care

On May 14, 2017, our congregation will join hands with Presbyterian churches throughout Georgia as we receive the Mother's Day Offering in support of the Caring Hands Fund. Last year, this Fund provided more than \$3,000,000 in care and support, preserving the quality of life for more than 400 residents, and I encourage you to join me in making a gift to the Caring Hands Fund that will bless the lives of some wonderful older people who need us. If the truth be known, we're all in this together. We all need one another. So lift up your heart and be generous with the work of your hands, for the sake of all that is Good.

We are Christ's Body...

Financial Report

Gifts in memory of Bill Haynes,
Roy Hulsey, and Gene Trammell
have been received.

	March	YTD
Operating Fund Contributions	\$18,251	\$56,256
Capital Fund Gifts	\$2,475	\$7,607
ML&J	\$100	\$2,823
Mullins	\$224	\$655
Mission	\$3,966	\$4,716
Operating Expenses	\$21,376	\$60,090



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MAY

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 7:00 pm PW Circle in Music Room	2 8:00 am Exercise 10:00 am PW Circle 7:00 pm Ken and Friends	3 9:30 am ML&J Meeting 6:00 pm Management Committee 6:30 pm Session	4 8:00 am Exercise	5	6
7 8:30 am Breakfast honoring graduates 9:45 am Sunday School 11:00 am Worship 5:00 pm K-5 Grade Youth Groups @MFUMC 7:00 pm Choir practice	8	9 8:00 am Exercise 7:00 pm Ken and Friends	10	11 8:00 am Exercise	12 Kitchen and Fellowship Hall Closed - Floor Stripping	13
14 9:45 am Sunday School 11:00 am Worship	15	16 8:30 am NEGA Presbytery Meeting 7:00 pm Ken and Friends	17 10:00 am Women's Sewing Group	18 8:00 am Exercise	19	20
21 9:45 am Sunday School 11:00 am Worship 7:00 pm Choir practice	22	23 8:00 am Exercise 7:00 pm Ken and Friends	24	25 8:00 am Exercise	26	27
28 9:45 am Sunday School 11:00 am Worship	29 Office Closed	30 8:00 am Exercise 7:00 pm Ken and Friends	31			

Volunteers for MAY

Elder of the Month: John Stork

Building Stewards: John and Lisa Stork

May 7:

K-4th SS teacher: Stephanie Kelly
Acolyte: Matthew Garland
Liturgist: Lyndsy Holman
Ushers/Greeters: Barbara Robbins and Stacy James
Children's Worship: Elaine Schilling
Flowers: Robert and Betty Jean Jordan
Sunday school assembly: Stone Workman

May 14:

K-4th SS teacher: Lyndsy Holman
Acolyte: Joseph Beck
Liturgist: John Stork
Ushers/Greeters: Lura and Doug Currie
Children's Worship: Jacki Garland
Flowers: Debby Kelly and Mary Lou Jordan
Sunday school assembly: Jimmy or Steve Jordan

May 21:

K-4th SS teacher: Pat Matthews
Acolyte: Grady Jordan
Liturgist: Mary Lou Jordan
Ushers/Greeters: Robert Hayes and Ed Edwards
Children's Worship: Lynne Jordan
Flowers:
Sunday school assembly: Ken Sanvidge

May 28:

K-4th SS teacher: Kelly DeGarmo
Acolyte: Emma Morris
Liturgist: Sean McCowan
Ushers/Greeters: The DeGarmo Family
Children's Worship: Elizabeth Strawn
Flowers: Belle McMaster
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.



MAY

5/1 – Eni Dell Mullins Fonseca
5/3 – Stan Humphreys
5/5 – Thomasa Bowden
5/7 – Ezia Mullins
Peter Jones
5/9 – Sinclair Hequembourg
5/11 – Harris Brady
5/12 – Missy Dunagan
5/13 – Bobby Mullinax
5/14 – David Aldridge
5/15 – Jennifer Whitmire
5/18 – Kolby DeGarmo
Cadin Howe
Wiley Jordan
Minnie Thomas
5/19 – Linda Aldridge
Walk Jordan
5/20 – Kathy Sanvidge
5/21 – Suzy Mitchell
Ralph Lam
5/24 – Belle McMaster
5/25 – Amelia Allen
Samantha Allen
5/28 – Bert Cobb
5/30 – O'Neil Sealy
5/31 – Lucy Humphreys



Happy Anniversary

May 6 - Robert and Betty Jean Jordan

Is your anniversary in May? 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 Troutead.....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.
and Insurance
Lyndsy Holman.....Spiritual Formation Com.
*Betty Jean Jordan....Outreach & Evangelism Com.
*Jimmy Jordan.....Nominating Com.

*Joanne Jordan.....Congregation Care Com.,
Endowment Subcom. and
Communications Subcom.
Linda Jordan.....Treasurer, Finance Subcom.,
Endowment Subcom.
Lynne Jordan.....Worship Com.
*Sam McCowan.....Property Subcom.
*John Stork.....Clerk of Session
Bob TrouteadTechnology Subcom.
*Leah Wilson.....Management Com.