



Monthly Newsletter

June-July 2026

Sunday Worship: 8:30 a.m., 10:45 a.m.

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From Pastor Anne:

This time of year, from after Pentecost (which was May 24th) until Advent begins (November 29th this year) is known in pompous liturgical circles as “Ordinary Time.” However, in a congregation as active and energetic as ours there is nothing “ordinary” about it.

I look ahead to the Summer activity schedule and I see so many things going on it's hard to take it all in. As I write this, Matt Talbert, Jamie Hannah, and I have just returned from Annual Conference (Matt will have a report for you soon) just in time for Jamie to join Will Pontious and our other youth leaders in final preparations for the annual Youth Mission Trip. Summer Singers have begun their rehearsals in our sanctuary, and will continue until their concert in August with the exception of one week where they will need to rehearse elsewhere because...VBS! Vacation Bible School is in the works. You can read about it in this very newsletter. Volunteers are volunteering. Parents are registering their children. It's going to be an exciting time!

This Summer there is, of course, one new event that we're all looking forward to. The July 3rd Freedom Festival is moving from Lodge Park to Monticello Middle School. Food Trucks and other activities will open at 5:00 p.m., and the Fireworks will start at dusk (around 8:00 p.m. the internet tells me.) We will be offering Parking Vouchers to our church family who would like to park at the church for the festivities, and then allowing the public to park in the remaining spaces in exchange for a \$10 suggested donation. Please stop by the church to get a Parking Voucher if you would like to park here on July 3rd. If you would be willing to volunteer to help direct the traffic, please call the church office or email or text Pastor Anne. She would be happy to issue you a fashionable hi-vis vest. It will all be quite extraordinary.

In Sympathy for...

-The family and friends of June Lockmiller who passed May 14, 2026. A private Celebration of Life will be held on June 13th.

-The family and friends of Rosemary Sawlaw who passed on May 16, 2026. Visitation and funeral services were held here at MUMC on Saturday, May 23. She was interred at Monticello Township Cemetery.

-The family and friends of Dolores Lust who passed May 28, 2026. Visitation and funeral services were held Wednesday, June 3, 2026, at the Hammond United Methodist Church with Pastor Leland Legg officiating.

Fun & Fellowship

Thanks to all who came to the 10th Birthday Party for our church building! It was a lovely day and the committee provided a great breakfast before combined worship. Several past Pastors joined us to celebrate this facility that's so perfect for worship, outreach, fellowship, and fun.



Music Ministry

“Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth; break forth into joyous song and sing praises.” – Psalm 98:4

Youth Ministry

Youth Mission Trip- This year the Youth are headed to serve in Charleston, South Carolina. They will depart MUMC on June 13th and return on June 20th. Please pray for our group. Pray for the work that they are going to do and the impact that they are going to make on the community that we will be serving. On June 21st, you will have the opportunity to hear all about the mission trip as the youth will be presenting the trip during worship! **We will have one worship service on the 21st at 10 am.** Come hear all about the trip and then after worship is over, we will have a luncheon! You don't want to miss this!

Outreach News

Food Pantry News-The postal workers' Stamp Out Hunger campaign on May 9 went very well this year, with our church hosting the sorting of the collection and benefitting from a good portion of the donations. Two other large monetary donations recently will enable us to purchase meat to supplement our other options for clients. Lastly, the Knights of Columbus held a pancake breakfast on April 26th and donated a portion of their proceeds to our pantry.

School Supplies - Thanks to Washington Middle School and Atwood-Hammond schools for saving their gently used school supplies at year end for us to take to Midwest Mission for donation to Honduras. We already delivered some of these on May 28th and will take the rest on July 2 when we go to Midwest for a work day.



The All Area Agency lunch was held June 1. We had 25 representatives here to discuss and update on their various functions here in the community. This quarter's meeting included two presentations. Andrea Kocher presented on behalf of Willow Tree Missions, educating attendees about domestic violence and sharing a survey for community partners as the organization refines its strategic plan to guide its mission over the next three years. Members of Rooted & Rising Emily Weidner, Cristin Wright, Aundie Owens, and Connie Gyorr also presented, highlighting opportunities to join the Giving Circle, build connections with Piatt County leaders, and make a meaningful, lasting impact on local nonprofit organizations.



Kids and Family Ministry

Vacation Bible School 2026 is in the works! The dates are July 13-17th with a pool party the night of the 17th. Our theme this year is "Rainforest Falls" and there is a simple meal for the kids included each evening. Here is the link to register. vbspro.events/p/8ec6df or you can use the QR code.



If you are interested in volunteering, reach out to Anne or Sarah, we would love to have you! Fill out this volunteer form, cut it out, and drop off in the basket at church or at the office. Anne Winecke 815-275-1937; Sarah Peterson 815-953-2526.

Name _____ phone _____ email _____

I would like to help in the following areas (circle phrase):

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| Decoration and prep before VBS | Opening (Welcome, worship, skit, missions, etc) |
| Electronic check-in | Check-out (match parent and student tags) |

I would like to help lead a group of children to and from rotations (circle phrase):

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| Group Leader (2 needed) | Preschool Leader (2 needed) |
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I would like to lead a Rotation Station (circle phrase):

- Wild Bible Adventures Teacher (will lead Bible Story and activities)
- Sticky Scripture (Lead our scripture memory station)
- Treats (help prepare and serve dinner/snacks)
- Crafts (Lead our craft section) Games (lead our recreation rotation)

Typical Weekly events:

Worship Services, Sunday at 8:30 and at 10:45, with Sunday School in between at 9:45.
T.O.P.S., Monday, 4 pm
Food Pantry, Tu & Th 12:45-3 pm, Wednesday, 5:30-7 pm
Boy Scouts, Monday, 7 pm (if school is in session)
Mat Weaving for Midwest Missions - Every third Monday of the month at 9 am
“Just Walking” - Tu & Th, 8:30 am - Half hour devotional followed by indoor walking
Bible Study Wednesdays, 1:15 pm
W.A.T.Ch. Meals - Wed, 5 pm (September through mid-May)
Sanctuary Choir rehearsals, Wed, 6 pm; Bell Choir & New Day rehearsals -Wed, 7pm*
Youth Group, Sunday, 5-7:15 pm; mid August through mid-May
Summer Singers - Thursdays at 6:30 pm, June through mid-August
*(Sanctuary Choir and New Day take rehearsal hiatus June through August)

Monday, June 1

All Area Agency
Lunch - 12 pm

June 4-6 Annual
Conference

Monday, June 8

Outreach Comm.
Mtg, 9 am
P.E.O. - 6:15 pm

Saturday, June 13

Youth Mission Trip
begins

Saturday, June 20

Youth Group returns

Sunday, June 21

Combined 10 am
Worship Service
with Mission Trip
Presentation

Thursday, July 2

Midwest Mission,
all day

July 4-11

Pastor Anne on
vacation

Thursday, July 9

Trustees Mtg,
5:30 pm

July 13-17

VBS, 5:15-7:45 pm

Monday, July 13

Outreach Comm.
Mtg., 9 am

Friday, July 17

Pool Party!
7:30-9 pm
Monticello
Aquatic Center

Monday, July 20

P.E.O. 6:15 pm
Finance Mtg, 7 pm

Tuesday, July 21

Church Council,
Tuesday, July 21
7 pm

