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THE MONROE MESSENGER

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Pastor's Corner

One time I was tricked into being thankful. I know, that sounds a little weird so I'll explain.

It was one Thanksgiving Day when I was in middle school. At the start of the meal, someone passed around a big bowl of M&M's, and told everyone to take however many as we wanted. Obviously I took a big handful. There were plenty, so why not?

And then the person explained why we took M&M's: everyone had to say one thing they were thankful for, for each of the pieces of candy that we took. Most people took 5 or 6. I guess they knew what was coming. Me? I had at least 20 or 25. Whoops. I had to come up with a lot of things I was thankful for.

But being thankful is a good thing. Take a few moments to think of things that you're thankful for. My guess is that your perspective on life will be at least a little better after a few minutes of listing some of those things to yourself.

And this is also a good thing to do based on the commands of Scripture. Colossians 3:17 says this:

"And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him." - Colossians 3:17

That's a really broad and blanket statement towards a consistent attitude of thankfulness to God. If nothing else, we can always be grateful for God's presence with us and for His gift of eternal life.

So, what are you thankful for this month? Take some time this month to be thankful for the blessings of the past year, as we celebrate Thanksgiving. And then you can eat your M&M's.

In Christ,
Pastor Brian

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WMU NEWS

We are doing the **Coates for Kids** again this year. The deadline will be Sunday, November 29th. We have the flyer on the bulletin board for the different sizes to purchase.

We are also packing **Christmas Shoe Boxes**. These must be returned to the church no later than Sunday, November 14th. The price of the shoe boxes to be shipped this year is \$9.00 per box.

Christmas Poinsettias

It's that time again! A flyer was enclosed in your bulletins for you to order your poinsettias for Christmas. The orders and payment will need to be returned to Sylvia Bradley or left on the desk in the office no later than November 21st. The prices of the poinsettias went up some from last year. The price of the 7" will be \$11.00 and the 9" will be \$19.75. They look so pretty in the sanctuary for Christmas. We have extra copies in the foyer for you to use if you didn't get one.

Lottie Moon Post Office

We will open the Lottie Moon Post Office on Sunday, November 21st and will run until December 12th. This will give you more time to get your cards done. Please address your Christmas cards to **active and homebound members** only and leave them with 10 cents per card postage. I will have a new Church Directory printed off for everyone soon. If anyone has a change of address, please be sure to let Sylvia Bradley have the update so the records will be correct when the new directory is printed.

Library News

Hope everyone has had a chance to see our display table in the hall. Our focus in October was on Fall. November will be focused on Thanksgiving. If you get a chance, check out the Library or something on the "Library on Wheels" cart outside the sanctuary. We have a lot of good DVD's & books for all ages. Come on by & check something out. We have been really pleased that so many of you are enjoying the Library. This is your Library and we want you to use it. If you know of a book or DVD that you would like for the Library Team to purchase, see Sylvia Bradley.

Thank You Notes

Dear Church Family & Deacons,

Thank you so much for the basket of goodies that was delivered from the deacons. This meant so much to me and just wanted to let you know how thoughtful everyone has been to me.

Sincerely,
Nellie Richards

Dear Church Family,

I would like to thank everyone for all the prayers, cards, flowers and telephone calls during the time I was off for my surgery. I love my church family. God has really blessed me.

Love you all,
Sylvia Bradley

Announcements continued:

2022 Church Yearly Calendar

We will be doing a 2022 Yearly Calendar as we have done in the past. If you have certain dates or events that you want us to add to the calendar, please be sure to let us know.

Church Luncheon

We will be doing a luncheon on Sunday, December 5th right after the morning worship service. This is a Celebration Mortgage & Pay Off and a late Church Picnic that we were unable to do this summer. We will be giving out more details later. Please mark your calendars so you can be sure to attend.

Children's Christmas Party will be held on Sunday, December 12th from 4:30–6:30 pm. More details will be coming soon.

Week of Prayer will start on Sunday, November 28–December 5th. The Lottie Moon Prayer box will be out and Advent begins on this Sunday.

Sunday Morning Nursery Schedule for the remainder of the 2021.

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November 7–Ed & Janice Hagar, Kristin Moorefield
November 14– April Scruggs, Chris & Nicole Murray
November 21–Melissa & Carey Wrenn, Andrew Kidd
November 28–Don & Teresa Mattox, Lauren Butler
December 5–Terri Johnson, Ryland & Gladys Peters
December 12–Joan Clabough, Rhonda Hillsman, Carolyn Smith
December 19–Ed & Janice Hagar, Kristin Moorefield
December 26–April Scruggs, Chris & Nicole Murray

If you are unable to serve in the nursery on your scheduled day, please trade with someone if possible. Thank you for your willingness to serve in the nursery!

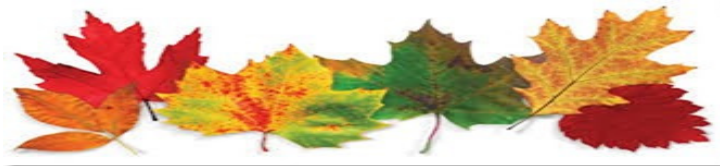
Meals on Wheels

November 8-12

Team 1

December 8-14

Team 2



Happy Anniversary

Hunter & Lauren Long 11/3

Sean & Cynthia Hargis 11/08

Paul & Megan Palmer 11/14





November 1 - Carolyn Waters
Dot Salassi

November 2 - Lexie Campbell

November 3 - Jana King
Stan Smith
Martha Meadow

November 4 - Jordan Rockwell

November 6 - Allen Foster

November 9 - Roberta Martin
Wanda Murray

November 10 - Ed Casey
Sandy Wilson
John Ross Metz

November 11 - Chris Moore

November 12 - Brian Horne

November 13 - Megan Palmer
Valli Ritchie

November 14 - Nicole Dye
Vickie Smoot

November 15- Patsy Scrivener

November 16 - Carey Wrenn
Allen Young
Melinda Drumheller

November 17 - Paul Palmer
Meghann Moore

November 19 - Lisa Wilmer
L.J. Pumagualle, Jr.
Ann Pendleton

November 21 - Shawn Slaughter

November 23 - Doug Layne
Darrell Slayton
Jake Ryan

November 24 - Debbie Taylor

November 27 - Michael Martin II
Hilda Mayberry
Cam Ritchie
Crystal Staton

November 28 - Kenley Richards

