



# Monticello United Methodist Church *Sesquicentennial Anniversary* 1865-2015

*“Passing the Spirit From Age to Age”*

*Sesquicentennial Newsletter Edition*

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## **From the Committee Co-Chairs**

What an amazing time in the history of Monticello United Methodist Church! This year we are celebrating the 150<sup>th</sup> year of ministry to our community. Paul and I have had the pleasure of working with a committee of dedicated and talented individuals who have organized a two day Anniversary Celebration beginning Saturday, September 12.

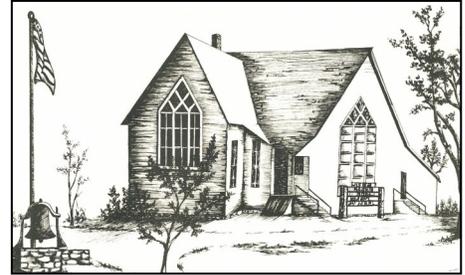
We will start the day with **Chapel tours** from 4-5:30. There will be a **bounce house and games** for children of all ages to enjoy. Five o'clock is the time we have all anxiously awaited when we unseal the **time capsule** that was planted 25 years ago. What an exciting time as we unveil some of the history of our church. You won't want to miss this historical moment. We invite you all to join us in a **group picture** that will be taken following the unsealing of the time capsule.

Dinner will be served in Fellowship Hall beginning at 5:30. Bring your appetites and enjoy a delicious meal, dessert and the fellowship of members past and present. Several of our previous pastors will be joining us for the festivities. During the evening activities there will be a very special video you will not want to miss! Following dinner, Arthur Thompson will entertain us in the Sanctuary with his beautiful music that will include Hymns, Spirituals, Gospels, Anthems and some original arrangements. I can't think of a better way to end a delightful day of revisiting the history of God's church.

Sunday morning, September 13, will be yet another day of joy for Monticello. We will be celebrating our Anniversary during fellowship time with cake and punch. The cake will be especially made for this occasion and is sure to be as tasty as it is beautiful. We will be blessed with joyful music from our choir, handbells, praise band and a special guest trumpeter. We are excited to welcome Rev. Dr. Bruce Emmert, the new K.C. District Superintendent who will be preaching. It will be a pleasure to have him join us for our celebration.

Join us for this memorable weekend for Monticello United Methodist Church. We invite all members, past and present, to join us for this very special occasion as we become another piece of Monticello's historical journey.

Blessings,  
Sheryl and Paul Wilde, Co-Chairs



## **From the Pastor**

What an honor and a privilege to share a few thoughts as Monticello United Methodist Church prepares for our 150<sup>th</sup> Celebration! What an amazing history and inheritance we have all received! God has blessed this entire community through these past years. I am excited to see what God will do through this church in the coming years!

There is so much to celebrate...

Monticello's humble beginnings, pioneers with courage and strength, great leaders – both lay people and pastors who sacrificed to make sure this generation has a tradition to embrace and a place to worship, in addition to the many ministries that have thrived. Those who have been here through the years know that all was not easy and there were challenges along the way, yet together, we have survived and continue to thrive. Could our founders have imagined this living legacy? This is truly a generative community of faith!

For all these things and so much more let us give thanks and rejoice joyously! I am grateful for the opportunity to serve during this time in Monticello's history. May God bless our celebration and grant us a future full of hope, to be found in our Triune God – Creator, Redeemer and Sustainer!

One in Christ,  
Pastor Connie Wilson

**We will celebrate 150 years of ministry!**  
**ALL former members and friends of Monticello UMC**  
**are welcome to attend any and all events.**

**Saturday, September 12**

- Chapel tours beginning at 4:00 p.m.
- Children's activities from 4:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.
- Opening of the Time Capsule at 5:00 p.m.
- Dinner at 5:30 p.m.
- Entertainment at 6:30 p.m.

**Sunday, September 13**

- Celebration Worship at 10:30 a.m.
- The Rev. Dr. Bruce Emmert will be preaching

**150th Dinner Celebration**

Tickets for the 150th celebration dinner will be available  
(suggested donation \$5 per ticket for 16 years and older) at the Connection Point.

Donations will help defray the cost of the meal and also let us know  
the correct number of meals needed.

**Bring Us Your Photos!**

The 150 Year History Committee would like to have copies  
(NOT originals) of any picture you may have  
of events such as weddings, 8th grade graduations, reunions, etc. that show either  
church building. Please include a brief narrative and date; and identify people in  
the pictures. The pictures will be displayed at the 150 Year Celebration.

Contact Sandy Evans or Cindy Ashby if you have questions.

## Monticello United Methodist Church Pastors (1865- 2015)

|           |                   |              |                       |
|-----------|-------------------|--------------|-----------------------|
| 1865      | A. R. Houts       | 1929         | F. E. Harrell         |
| 1867      | McQuiston         | 1930-31      | Pastor Unknown        |
| 1870      | Pastor Bailiff    | 1932-33      | Harold L. Soulen      |
| 1873      | Walker            | 1934         | Joel Green            |
| 1875      | G. W. Havermale   | 1935         | Pastor Unknown        |
| 1877      | Pastor Garrett    | 1936-37      | C. H. Chappalear      |
| 1879-80   | C. Boles          | 1938-39      | Drew R. Hammond       |
| 1880      | A. C. Embree      | 1940-47      | J. C. Dussair         |
| 1881-82   | G. R. Houts       | 1948         | J. C. Holman          |
| 1883      | J. C. Telford     | 1949-50      | John R. Davidson      |
| 1884-86   | William Conrad    | 1951-53      | E. Leo Chance         |
| 1887      | E. L. Thomas      | 1954-55      | John Enns             |
| 1888-89   | John Moorehead    | 1956-58      | Billy B. Earnhart     |
| 1890-91   | G. W. Havermale   | 1959-60      | Allen V. Uthoff       |
| 1892-95   | Pastor Coleman    | 1961-62      | David L. Chinn        |
| 1896-98   | John Endacott     | 1963         | Louis Stuckey         |
| 1899-1900 | William B. Fisher | 1964         | Willard Spender       |
| 1900      | T. B. Scott       | 1964-67      | Harold I. Peters      |
| 1901-1904 | S. D. Vincent     | 1967-70      | D. James Stapleford   |
| 1905-06   | B. Stover         | 1970-75      | Dan Davidson          |
| 1907-08   | A. J. Bruner      | 1975-78      | Theodore C. Huffman   |
| 1909-10   | W. G. Mitchell    | 1978-87      | Michael F. Gardner    |
| 1911-13   | C. S. Franks      | 1987-90      | Thomas Wallrabenstein |
| 1914      | W. H. Bunting     | 1990-95      | Gary Roellchen        |
| 1915      | Lynn H. Rupert    | 1995-2002    | Randall K. Robinson   |
| 1916      | Troy S. Warner    | 2002-05      | Karen Jeffcoat        |
| 1916-1919 | Clyde W. Brewster | 2005-06      | Joyce Harris-Scott    |
| 1920      | Leland Mann       | 2006-11      | Sheila Lawson         |
| 1921-1922 | Julius Smith      | 2011-14      | Robert Walters        |
| 1923      | Pastor Unknown    | 2014-Present | Connie Wilson         |
| 1924      | W. H. Holland     |              |                       |
| 1925-27   | Raymond Morris    |              |                       |

## Did You Know?

Our journey has been an extensive one, originating in the days when Wild Bill Hickock served in the township as the constable. The Monticello Methodist Church was organized in 1865 at the close of the Civil War.

Shortly after the development of homes, the settlers established a church and a school at 71st and Gleason Road in a building called the "Old Virginia Schoolhouse." **The charter members were: Fannie Olson Jackson, Mr. and Mrs. Fred L Kueker, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Mize, Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Dubois, Mr. and Mrs. N. W. Murphy, Mr. and Mrs. W.P. Hagler, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Mize. They were under the pastoral care of Rev. A. R. Houts.**

The members worshipped and sought spiritual enrichment at the Old Virginia School House as well as in their homes. The next fourteen years the church shifted from one place to another for worship services.

In 1879 it was agreed that a church building should be constructed. A site one and one-half miles southwest of the town of Monticello was purchased from Mr. W. P. Hagler for a sum of fifty dollars. This is the site of the present church building. After a fire destroyed the original building, a new structure was built in 1894 and was named Monticello Methodist Episcopal Church. This building has become our prayer chapel and church offices. Next to it stands a modern sanctuary with updated technology, a large recently renovated fellowship hall, and a large children's center.

Monticello United Methodist Church is a church that celebrates the history as well as the dynamic, up-to-date ministry of today!



### **150th Anniversary Committee**

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