



January 16, 2019

Dear friends,

At the beginning of the New Year I have been reflecting on the blessings of Monticello United Methodist Church!

We engage our community in so many ways. Monticello Christian Children's Center is just one of those ministries. This ministry is significant, and it is a privilege to be part of a church involved in something with such positive impact!

As you know, this is not the only way in which we are doing creative ministry and mission. Each year people who have never belonged to a church enter our doors and are welcomed. What they find is a generational church – people of all ages – that enjoys sharing their faith and service with others. We pray that we are transforming lives and being transformed by the love of God at the same time.

The Finance Committee is inviting us to share the Good News of Jesus through our giving and proclaiming God's presence in our lives! I want to thank you for being a partner in the ministries of Monticello. Your ongoing financial contributions are making a difference in the lives of many people. You know what matters and through your giving, you are sharing that with others and reaching them.

In the next few weeks you will be hearing more about how we as a congregation are seeking to grow and answer God's call. As you know, that will require our investment with both our spiritual and financial gifts. I pray you know the blessing your gifts make. I am asking that you pray about how you want to answer the invitation to grow in your faith and taking a step up by increasing your financial giving for the coming year.

Growing in generosity is the mark of a developing faith and deeper walk with Christ. People join Monticello because they can see members who are committed to being genuine Disciples of Christ. I am proud to be involved with a faith community doing what really matters in this life and beyond.

God is working through us and the things we do accomplish positive change the world. Every time we give, that gift becomes ministry that is visible and real. Please keep our congregation in prayer as we move together into the God's future. Please fill out a commitment card (hard copy or online at www.monticello-umc.org) so we can estimate faithfully what ministries we can make manifest.

Thank you for your part in the life changing work of this congregation.

Generously yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Pastor Connie".

Pastor Connie