



MONEE FREE
METHODIST CHURCH

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Small Group Opportunities:

- **Pathos Youth Ministries:** Sunday Night **June 5th 6:30-8:30pm.** Youth also meeting Wednesday Nights at MFMC for bible study @ 6:30-7:30pm. Be sure to check calendar for specifics!
- **Quizzers:** Please see Jim Setty if you are interested in joining the Monee FM Quiz Team! Practice will begin in September.
- **Men's Group:** Meets at PJ's Ice Cream Parlor in Manteno Thursdays 6:30pm.

Who We Are

We are a Bible-believing church that seeks to know Christ. We have a desire to teach others to know Him the same way. At Monee Free Methodist you will learn to build a relationship with our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

In our worship service, we hope you will enjoy and be refreshed in our casual, relaxed and versatile, family environment. "Come as you are" is what we say and practice.

Opportunities include: Sunday School- For All Ages: Learning and sharing God's Word.

Wednesday Night- Adult bible study and planned events each month for children that are safe, fun and encourage faith.

Our Sunday Worship hour offers a Children's Church Program (3 years through 2nd grade) where children are dismissed right before the morning message. We also offer a Nursery for children 3 years and younger. If you have any further questions, please feel free to contact the Church Office at 708-534-5683. Please join us for the opportunities to learn and serve Christ!



Sermon Series for May
Full Exposure: The Ten Commandments in High Def

May 1st: Truth & Consequences

May 8th: A Faithful Mother

May 15th: A Wedding Invitation

May 22nd: Eternal Monogamy

May 29th: A

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THE CROSSLINK...

KEEPING CURRENT WITH THE HAPPENINGS AT MFMC

Headed For The Future by Pastor Mike Cogswell

"There is nothing more constant than change". How often have we heard that statement? When God's people start planning for the future, they know that change must begin today in order to produce the future harvest desired by God.

Since arriving here on April 1st, my wife and I have been strongly focused on getting to know each and every person at our new church. As you have already heard me say in several messages, "A relationship without expectations is just an acquaintance".

What I seek for our church are relationships and partnerships in the work of the Kingdom of God. So I will share my thoughts of my expectations from God, my expectations from you as my congregation and what you can expect from me. Gutsy? Perhaps. Essential to our relationship? Definitely.

What we can expect from God:
That He will hear our prayers, forgive our sins and receive glory from our repentance

That He will give us a hope and a future through Jesus Christ our Lord

That He will provide the needed financial and ministry resources to accomplish His work at Monee through the jobs, pensions, gifts and obedience of His people

What I expect from you:
Your prayers for Sheila and I and each person in our church family

That you will seek God's will on how you can lead, serve, financially support and minister as His disciples working His plan at Monee FMC

What you can expect from me:
Prayers for your families, your spiritual growth, repentance and an increase of your love for one another

To seek and cast the vision from God that will define the next part of our work for the Kingdom

To be your shepherd, counselor and preacher in the untouchable authority of the Bible

To train up leaders for ministry - evangelism, discipleship and mission

To provide coaching, vision and guidance as needed in all ministry areas - youth ministry, Christian education, outreach events and other lay-led ministries

At the May BOA meeting, I shared a very high view of my vision for Monee FMC - nothing new to be sure, but critical and essential to being an authentic body of Christ working His plan.

Vision Summary To Bring Glory to God

Growing the church in size - evangelism

Growing the church in depth - discipleship

Growing the church in influence - local and global missions

Our service to God is the greatest privilege that we can receive in life. God is ready for us to serve. Let's get busy!

Luke 12:42-44 (NIV)

⁴² The Lord answered, "Who then is the faithful and wise manager, whom the master puts in charge of his servants to give them their food allowance at the proper time? ⁴³ It will be good for that servant whom the master finds doing so when he returns. ⁴⁴ I tell you the truth, he will put him in charge of all his possessions.

God Bless, Pastor Mike Cogswell <><



: 'Every Wednesday Night/All Ages' Program @ 6:30am

Each week offering a unique truth;

- God Changes King Saul's Heart
- Paul Tells Christians to Do What's Right
- Jesus Teaches About Peace
- Ruth is Kind to Naomi
- Jesus is Faithful

Please look for opportunities to reinforce this learning about God's truth, it is a treasure. Please see Sandi Dasch for ways you can help with the ministry opportunities in the Children's area!

Children's Church Scripture Focus
 Pre-K/K— 'All about Paul'
 1st-5th— 'Old Testament Facts'



ALL PARENTS ChEck It OuT!!!

The 'Living Inside Out' Program

**is moving to 6:30pm Wednesday Nights for the summer!
 Starting June 1st! No summer Sunday School for children**

The GQ (gentle quiet) Woman

Do not let your adornment be merely outward—arranging the hair, wearing gold, or putting on fine apparel—rather let it be the hidden person of the heart, with the incorruptible beauty of a gentle and quiet spirit, which is very precious in the sight of God. 1 Peter 3:3-4

We are welcoming women of all ages to join together at MFMC

@ 6pm on June 7th.

Join with us as we share ideas about refreshing body, mind, and spirit!

- ⇒ soaking up truth found in chapters 38+39 of Job
- ⇒ sharing easy, healthy, & thirst-quenching summer-time drinks
- ⇒ learning new summer-time salad/meals including healthy homemade dressings!

Any ?questions? Please call JoAnn Alo



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We will be honoring this special couple on June 4th at 1:30pm with a Luau! Guys and gals, come in your Tropical threads to congratulate the happy couple as they 'dive' in to their new life together!

Enjoy fellowship, a BBQ lunch, desserts, and some fruity drinks!!

"Surfin" for the perfect gift? Lee and Ginger are registered @ Bed, Bath, & Beyond and Target.

***please sign-up with Jonelle Eck or Tiffany Alf by June 1st

With graduation coming up this week, many graduates will be asking the question, "What is God's will for my life?" Of course they are going to ask that- they are looking at life head on and trying to answer questions that will shape the rest of their lives. Questions like: "What college am I going to?" "What should be my major?" "Whom should I marry?" "What should I do when I grow up?" It is not just graduates that are wondering what God's will for their life might be. So many adults ask that same question. Tiffany and I ask that same thing as we are searching for a job and what church God wants us to pastor.

So what is God's will? Here is the answer: God's will for your life is to *follow* Jesus, *obey* Him, *love* Him, and *tell* others about Him. You see, when you follow Jesus and obey Him, He will then direct your paths. Sometimes we try so hard to direct our own paths- to achieve a path that we want, but maybe not a path that Jesus wants for us. If we just follow Him then we don't have to worry about our path since He will direct us every step of the way. Listen to these verses that back this up. "A man's heart plans his way, but the Lord directs his steps." ([Proverbs 16:9](#))

"Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct your paths." ([Proverbs 3:5](#))

"The Lord will guide you continually ..." ([Isaiah 58:11](#))
 "Delight yourself also in the Lord, and He shall give you the desires of your heart. Commit your way to the Lord, trust also in Him, and He shall bring it to pass ... Rest in the Lord, and wait patiently for Him." ([Psalm 37:4,7](#))

So may God direct our paths, and may we be obedient to Him, follow Him, and be patient as He is directing those paths.

Pastor Paul

Treasurer's Report

Don't forget we now offer the option of online giving

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The budget for the month of June is \$11,675.00. If you have questions about the budget you may contact Treasurer Don Schirmer or Pastor Mike.

The LORD says "...but showing love to a thousand generations to those who love me and keep my commandments" Exodus 20:6

On June 12th we will be honoring the **Alf family** by having a potluck and cake following our worship service. The BOA has decided that the families expenses would greatly benefit from taking up a love offering during that days service in lieu of purchasing a token of our appreciation!