



**MONEE FREE  
METHODIST CHURCH**

25528 S. Willow Creek Ln.  
Monee, IL. 60449

Phone: 708-534-5683  
Email: moneefmc@att.net

**www.moneefmc.org**

**To Know Christ, Exalt Christ, and Share Christ.**

**Small Group Opportunities:**

- Pathos Youth Ministries: Every Sunday Night 6:30-8:30pm. Includes Service Opportunities, large group activity, and small group interaction. 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 start back up 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!



**M A Y 2011**

**Volume 6, Issue 5**

**MONEE FREE METHODIST CHURCH**

**Sermon  
Series for May  
Full Exposure:  
The Ten Com-  
mandments in  
High Def**

**May 1st: Truth &  
Consequences**

**May 8th: A Faith-  
ful Mother**

**May 15th: A Wed-  
ding Invitaion**

**May 22nd: Eternal  
Monogamy**

**May 29th: A Mat-**

**Inside this  
issue:**

L.I.O	2
Children's Church	2
The 'GQ' Woman	2
Adopt-a-Highway	2
Friend in Faith	3
Treasurer's Report	3
Small Groups	4

***THE CROSSLINK...***

*KEEPING CURRENT WITH THE HAPPENINGS AT MFMC*

**Spring Cleaning** *by Pastor Mike Cogswell*

Well, my wife Sheila and I arrived here in late March and we're still unpacking boxes – mostly filled with my ministry and theology books now. I can never find a good reason to throw away a ministry book – unless I'm getting a newer edition! Before we moved here from Minnesota we did a lot of "spring cleaning" and threw out much of our old stuff and gave other stuff to charitable organizations. As we continue our adventure in unpacking we both realize that we need to do some more "spring cleaning" – we're filling up our second large tote with items for the Monee FMC Fall Garage Sale. (Never too early to get started)

We can look forward to (or perhaps we dread) the prospect of cleaning out winter's dust, used up cardboard and perhaps re-gifting that ageless Christmas fruitcake. In the same way we collect a lot of clutter within our minds, attitudes and hearts. Perhaps we've allowed our focus on Jesus to drift. Or we have let unrepentant sin accumulate in the dark corners and less traveled corridors of our minds. Like the melted snow that reveals what winter had long kept hidden on our lawns, we have dirt to clean from our hearts - stuff that should never be recycled but instead must be put out at the curb. Springtime is a good season to put Christ back as the center point of our life. Jesus alone is worthy of our best thoughts, attitudes and actions. What sinful "dust" have you allowed to pile up in your life since last fall? Now is the time to clean out the attic and repent to clear the way for God to use you for His glory. To repent means to "turn back to God". It's not about adding more pleasant things in our attic; it's about throwing away what does not glorify God and hinders a closer relationship with Him.

Talking of Royalty...  
The Royal Wedding of Prince William and Catherine Middleton has been in the 24-hour news cycle for quite some time. As we have just celebrated the Resurrection of Jesus it is fitting to embrace our own royalty – as sons and daughters of the only true everlasting Royalty – our Heavenly Father – we are nothing less than princes and princesses in God's royal line. This is not bestowed on us by having bluebloods in our family tree or by an act of congress or parliament. We come into our royal inheritance through the suffering and death of Jesus on the cross and His spellbinding resurrection. Our crowns await us!  
Time to get busy sprucing up what matters to God.

*And whatever you do, do it heartily, as to the Lord and not to men. Col 3:23*

God Bless,  
Pastor Mike Cogswell

<><



**: 'Every Sunday/All Ages' Program @ 9:30am**

*The Children's Church class will also reinforce those truths by learning from the same books of the bible. Each week offering a unique truth;*

- Jesus and the Miraculous Catch of Fish
- David Takes a Census
- God Spares Nineveh
- Jesus Forgives the Woman Caught in Sin
- The Parable of the Unmerciful Servant

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

**Children's Church** Pre-K/K— 'Peter Shares About Jesus'  
**Scripture Focus** 1st-5th— 'God Gave me the Bible as an Example to Follow'



**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 May 3rd. Join with us as we:

Exchange and plant our spring perennials and annuals!

This month's focus will be 'Lilies of the Field'- Chapter 6 of Matthew

Any ?questions? Please call JoAnn Alo



**Adopt- A- Highway is need of workers!**

**MFMC owns the 'cleanup' portion of the two mile stretch on**

**Rt 50 between Pauling and Monee Manhattan Rd.**

**After meeting at MFMC at 9am on May 7th**

**the crews will head out !!! Lunch afterward? Contact**

**Pastor Mike Cogswell with any questions...**

**'Friends in Faith' Interested???**

The FAITH of the younger generation is nourished by 'FRIENDSHIP' with the older generations...MFMC's new ministry, 'Friends in Faith', was created specifically for the imparting of

God's many BLESSINGS on the next generation!

Please consider being a part of this ministry!

Your commitment to this program will ensure that the child's FAITH does not starve.

**Testimony to my 'friend in faith' Experience by ronni mann**

Her name was Terri! I now realize she prayed (probably unceasingly & persistently) for me: I suspect she went before the Lord asking for the salvation of my soul, understanding of His Word, and the continued growth of my Faith. I didn't fully understand her importance then, even though I really did enjoy the kind words directly spoken to me and notes received by mail. I believed she was my 'friend' because I felt it through her interaction... The gifts of little trinkets she bought for me on special occasions have become even more precious to me now as I recall back to her direct involvement in MY FAITH. My love for Terri has grown as my faith has grown: her intentional involvement in this were selfless. I, being a child, could not possibly understand the ramifications of this precious relationship entirely at the time. Now, my heart stirs in gratefulness when I reminisce of her genuine beseeching the Lord on my behalf. She didn't have any other cause of investment in my life except 'Friends in Faith'... I Praise Him for this new found ministry at MFMC!

**Treasurer's Report**

Don't forget we now offer the option of online giving [www.moneefmc.org](http://www.moneefmc.org) for your convenience.

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

***"Blessed be God, who has not turned away my prayer, nor His mercy from me!"***

**Psalm 66:16-20**

*"The effective, fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much"*

James 5:16

**Intentional involvement...**

**One Body,  
One Spirit,  
One Lord,  
One Faith,  
One Baptism,  
One God,  
and  
One Father of All!**