

A Note To Our Guests

Thank you for worshipping with us today.
We would love to know about your visit!
Please fill out the Connection Card and drop it off at any of
the Connect tables, or go to montvalechurch.org and click
"Connect".

This Week

Sun. Congregational Business Meeting right after service
Mon. Body & Soul, 4:15pm-5:15pm, Fellowship Hall
Boys Brigade, 7:00pm, Jungle Room
Monday Night Bible Study, 7:30pm, Fireside Room
Tues. Adult Commission, 7:00pm, Conference Room
Worship Rehearsal, 7:30pm, Sanctuary
Wed. YAH Senior Luncheon, 11:30am-1:30pm, Fellowship Hall
Body & Soul, 5:15pm-6:15pm, Fellowship Hall
The BRIDGE, 7:00pm-9:00pm, Fireside Room
Thurs. CATALYST, 7:00pm-9:00pm, Fireside Room

Upcoming Events

12/15 MEFC Children's Christmas Pageant, 10:30am **TODAY**
12/15 Ramsey Wind Symphony Holiday Concert, 4:30pm **TODAY**
12/22 **NO** Children, Youth and Adult Sunday School
12/24 Christmas Eve Service (Children/Family), 6:30pm
12/24 Christmas Eve Service (Candlelight), 10:00pm
12/29 **NO** Children, Youth and Adult Sunday School

Trustee Giving Report (as of 12/08) :

Budgeted Giving/Expenses	\$ 546,546.00
Actual Giving	\$ 490,728.72
Surplus (Deficit) Budgeted Giving	\$ {55,817.28}

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MONTVALE
EVANGELICAL
FREE **CHURCH**

December 15, 2019

OPENING SONGS OF PRAISE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Tyler Gall

ADVENT SCRIPTURE

Jadyn Gaudelli

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

MISSIONARY OF THE WEEK

Debbie Kruegle

Malawi, Africa

PRAYER

Nick Benson

OFFERTORY

MESSAGE

"The Birth of Jesus"

Matthew 1:18-25

Pastor Sam Goertz

CLOSING SONG

BENEDICTION

Pastor Chris Coppola

A prayer team will be available in front of the sanctuary after the service.

**Seeking to be...
A CHRIST-CENTERED COMMUNITY OF GOOD NEIGHBORS**

Children's Ministries

Nursery: Infant/toddlers, Room 206; 2-4 years, Room 205

Sunday School: 9:15am, Ocean Room

Kings Kids: Pre-Kindergarten to 5th Grade

Registration/Check in - Downstairs at Kiosk

All children are together for worship and lesson, and will meet in small groups according to age. Popcorn will be served.

Boys Brigade: Mondays, 6:45pm-8:00pm, Jungle Room

The BRIDGE (5th-8th)

Sunday School: 9:20am-10:10am,
Downstairs Resource Room

The BRIDGE: Christmas Party
Wednesday, 7:00pm-9:00pm

CATALYST (9th-12th)

Sunday School: 9:20am-10:10am,
Fireside Room

CATALYST: Christmas Party
Thursday, 7:00pm-9:00pm

Worship Arts

Worship Rehearsal: Tuesday, 7:30pm, Sanctuary

Thanks to all who participated in our Christmas Cantata, "Season of Joy."

Adult Education

Sunday Mornings, 9:15am

- "Disciples Making Disciples" / Conference Room / Ernie Scalabrin
- "Book of James" / Fellowship Hall / Elders
- "Anxious for Nothing" / Prayer Room / Peter Ranieri

Adult Ministry

Body & Soul (Aerobics): Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Saturday
[Times in weekly schedule]

Monday Night Bible Study: Mondays, 7:30pm, Fireside Room

RefreshHER Bible Study: Will resume on January 7th, 9:30am-11:30am

YAH Senior Luncheon: Wednesday, December 18th, 11:30am - 1:30pm

Moms Praying for Kids: Last Sunday of each month, 8:15am, Room 213

Dads Praying for Kids: Second and forth Friday of each month, 7:00am

Announcements

Christmas Eve Services:

We will have two different Christmas Eve Services. The first service will be at 6:30 pm, which will be a child-friendly service. The second service will be at 10:00pm.

Memorial Poinsettias:

If you would like to order a 6-inch poinsettia in memory of a loved one, please sign up on the bulletin board. Checks should be made out for \$7.00/plant, payable to MEFC and noted "poinsettia". Plants may be taken home after the Christmas Eve Service.

December Love Gift:

During the month of December we are collecting a love offering as a way to show appreciation for our church staff. Please use the special Christmas envelopes in the pew racks for this or designate your check for "Staff Love Offering".

Missions Mailbox

Debbie Kruegle says, "Hello! Hope you're enjoying a meaningful holiday season so far. Here in Malawi the rainy season has started, and so everyone is planting in their fields. Soon I'll pull out a couple of Christmas decorations. Our biggest translation project this month has been a pre-consultant check of the gospel of Mark. Pray we can do our preparation well and in good time. Please pray too for the annual translation meeting that we have with the chiefs and traditional authorities this weekend. Since it's the rainy season, the roads can get quite muddy; so thanks for praying for safe travels for everyone. As always, thank you for partnering to bring God's Word and God's Story to the Yao in their language. You are a vital part of this ministry! Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!"

Prayer

Prayer Requests:

Submit requests to <https://montvalechurch.org/prayer/>

Those fighting disease:

Kim's cousin, George [Alzheimer / broken hip]; Joan Denniston; Jim Anderson; Rob Berner's mother (stroke); Andrew, the Wells's nephew [successful removal of a acoustic neuroma]

Cancer:

Lou and Kristine's friend, Mel; Jim Werner [Kithy's son-in-law]; James Dughi [Hollymae's brother-in-law]; Laurie Conner; Owusu, the father-in-law of Carolee's daughter; Mark Nilsen; Margie [Kim's mother] Jim Dougherty; Randi [sister of the Wells's brother-in-law has re-occurring cancer]; Kim's cousin, Sue Lopez; Diana's father.

Expectant Mothers:

Kristy [Ingraham] Kuehlke

Caring Ministry

Month of December

Deacons:

Rich Telfer

Deaconess:

Sherri Natalie
Toni McDowell