

## 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](http://montvalechurch.org) and click  
"Connect".

## This Week

- Mon. NO Boys Brigade, 7:00pm  
NO Monday Night Bible Study
- Tues. Christmas Eve Service [Children/Family], 6:30pm  
Christmas Eve Service [Candlelight], 10:00pm
- Wed. **Merry Christmas!** Office closed!  
NO BRIDGE
- Thurs. NO CATALYST
- Sun. NO Sunday School for Children, Youth and Adults  
Worship Service, 10:30am, Sanctuary

## Upcoming Events

- 12/29 **NO** Sunday School for Children, Youth and Adults
- 1/05 Moms praying for Kids, 8:15am, Room 213
- 1/05 **NO** Sunday School for Children, Youth and Adults
- 1/07 RefreshHER Bible Study, 9:30am-11:30am, Fellowship Hall
- 1/10 Dads Praying for Kids, 7:00am, Room 213
- 1/15 YAH Senior Luncheon, 11:30am-1:30pm, Fellowship Hall
- 1/29 Night of Worship and Prayer

### Trustee Giving Report (as of 12/15) :

Budgeted Giving/Expenses	\$ 557,700.00
Actual Giving	\$ 503,815.72
Surplus [Deficit] Budgeted Giving	\$ [53,884.28]

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**MONTVALE**  
EVANGELICAL  
FREE **CHURCH**

**December 22, 2019**

## OPENING SONGS OF PRAISE

### WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor Chris Coppola

### ADVENT SCRIPTURE

Adrianna Fernandez

## SONG

### MISSIONARY OF THE WEEK

Rick & Sue Jacobson  
*Lawson, Missouri*

## PRAYER

### OFFERTORY

Dee & Melanie Lattimer  
*"Gesù Bambino"*

### MESSAGE

**"The Search for Jesus"**  
*Matthew 2 : 1-12*  
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: NO** Sunday School on 12/22, 12/29 and 1/05

**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: NO** Sunday School 12/22, 12/29 and 1/05

**The BRIDGE:** Will resume on Jan. 8 7:00pm - 9:00pm, Fireside Room

**CATALYST (9th-12th)**

**Sunday School: NO** Sunday School 12/22, 12/29 and 1/05

**CATALYST:** Will resume on Jan. 9 7:00pm - 9:00pm, Fireside Room

**Worship Arts**

**Thank you** to everyone who participated in our Worship Arts Ministries in 2019. You are a blessing!

**Adult Education**

**Sunday Mornings, 9:15am [Resumes on January 12]**

- "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]:** Will resume the week of January 5th.

**Monday Night Bible Study:** Will resume in January. Date TBA.

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

**YAH Senior Luncheon:** Wednesday, January 15, 11:30am - 1:30pm.

**Moms Praying for Kids:** First 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 purchased a poinsettia, remember to take it home after the Christmas Eve Service.

**2020 Offering Envelopes:**

The 2020 offering envelopes are available in the Narthex. Please see Bob Heuer if you need envelopes.

**NO Sunday School:**

There will be no Sunday School for children, youth, and adults on 12/29 and 01/05.

**December Love Gift for MEFC Staff:**

Please use the special Christmas envelopes in the pew racks for this or designate your check for "Staff Love Offering." Thank you!

**Missions Mailbox**

This week the Missions Commission would like to feature Rick and Sarah Jacobsen, our home-grown missionaries, serving with TIME Ministries in the Dominican Republic and Mexico. Rick is busy writing the curriculum to help their missionaries in the areas of leadership, cultural clashes, time management, conflict management, family and ministry balance, and Christian living. The goal is for those trained to be able to train others. Looking ahead, Rick's mission is getting closer to setting up TIME in Haiti and even eventually in Cuba, the Lord willing.

**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