

Monterey United Methodist Church

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September 2025 Newsletter



Grace and peace to you from God the Father and our Lord Jesus Christ. Brothers and Sisters, I have been reflecting on the scripture of Ephesians 5:20 which speaks to us about gratitude. "And give thanks for everything to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ." And I am so grateful for this time in ministry leading this congregation. I want to thank God above all, who guides me and strengthens me and is my helper in difficult times. I want to thank all of you, you are a beautiful congregation and I have learned a lot from you and I want to thank God for each one of you. Serving God has filled my life and given me purpose. This month, I invite you to thank God for the many blessings you have received, even in times of difficulty. Gratitude makes our burden lighter. Blessings in Jesus name. Pastor Fabian Valtierra.



A Note from Frances



Last Saturday was the celebration of life for my sister. Before the service we gathered to share stories and show love and support for the family. After

I got home, I started thinking about those who came to the visitation. There were cousins, in-laws, and friends. Everyone was previously unfamiliar with the others. However, that day we were one community, people who had gathered to honor my sister. She was the catalyst that brought us all together.

The next day, as I looked over our congregation, I saw another unique community. Some of us are family, some friends, some neighbors, and others are new acquaintances. The catalyst for this community is our Lord and savior, Jesus. With him at the center of our relationships, we have powerful force for the kingdom. Together we can love, minister, witness, care, worship, and so much more. When we gather, let us all remember, we are one in Christ. Frances.



Thank you to all who volunteered to be a greeter. If anyone else

wants to try it, it's easy, just let me know. See me at church or text/call me at 717 587 2881. Thanks again, Beth Carter



As we transition into fall, Lunch Bunch has much to be thankful for! We have beautiful table decorations thanks to the Monterey Garden Club! We also have wonderful food donations. We are blessed in so many ways! Kathy.



We're Here to Help! Know someone who could use a card, encouragement, or a helping hand? Let us know!

☎ Gay Teeple – 931-584-0134

☎ Louise Vail – 931-839-3514

Together, we share Christ's love through care and compassion.



The time is approaching to celebrate the honor roll students at Burks Elementary. If you would

like you can start bringing prepackaged cookies and snacks for this event. Please contact Sarah Cochran or Judy Webster for more information.



Burks First Grade Christmas Shopping – Gift Collection

We're now collecting gifts for the Burks First Grade Christmas Shopping event! A

tote is located by the side doors for donations (July–September).

Needed Items

Men: knit hats, baseball caps, gloves, socks, wallets, small flashlights

Women: jewelry (in small bags/boxes), small purses, makeup bags, scarves, knit hats/gloves, new kitchen towels & potholders

⊘ Please do not donate candles, perfumes, soaps, glassware, or bottles.

Volunteer sign-ups (shoppers, wrappers, tag writers, helpers) begin in October. Thank you for blessing this project! —Suzy Jackson



Staff/Pastor-Parish Relations Committee

will now meet on Tuesday, September 16th at 5:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. All members of the committee are encouraged to attend, as important matters will be discussed.



Trustees Meeting – Thursday, September 18 at 4:00 PM. All

Trustees are encouraged to attend our meeting on Thursday, September 18 at 4:00 PM. Your presence is important as we review facility needs, upcoming projects, and maintenance priorities. Thank you for your faithful service!



Men’s Bible Study & Breakfast

When: Saturday, Sept 20, 8:00 AM

Who: All men—bring a friend! Come for scripture, prayer, and fellowship.



September	6	Deborah Wolfe
September	7	Parker Myers
September	17	Harold Broughton
September	19	Jeff Reese
September	19	Jenna Wakefield
September	20	Douglas Biggs
September	25	Pokey Looper
September	28	Dorothy Burns
September	17	John & Karen Logsdon



The **Monterey Garden Club** will be going to tour the Arboretum at TTU on **Tuesday, September 9th**. We’d love for you to join us on this fun and

refreshing outing. For details, please see **Jan Stansell** or **Louise Vail**.



ESL Classes Begin Soon! We are excited to share that **English as a Second Language (ESL)** classes will

be offered here at **Monterey United Methodist Church**, beginning **Thursday, September 11 at 6:00 PM**. These classes provide a welcoming space for learning and conversation and are open to all in our community. Please help us

spread the word and invite anyone who may benefit from this opportunity.

To ensure that all events, ministry updates, and important announcements are included in our upcoming publications, **please submit all articles**

and event details to the church office by Monday September 29th. Submissions can be emailed to: church@montereyumc.com or mumc.admnassistant124@gmail.com
Thank you for helping us keep our church family informed and connected. Debbie.



Good news! Our thrift store (formerly **The Cottage**) returns **October 2025** with a **new name**. Final prep is underway—opening date and hours will be announced soon. Interested in volunteering or donating gently used items? Please contact the church office to get on the info list.



Trunk or Treat is Coming Soon! It’s hard to believe, but **Trunk or Treat will be here before we know it!** Beginning **Sunday, October 5th**, we will start collecting candy donations. Look for the **donation barrels in the hallway under the coat rack**.

We also need **volunteers on the night of the event** to help pass out candy and make this a fun, safe evening for our children and community. If you’d like to join in, please contact the church office to sign up.
Let’s work together to make this year’s Trunk or Treat the best one yet!