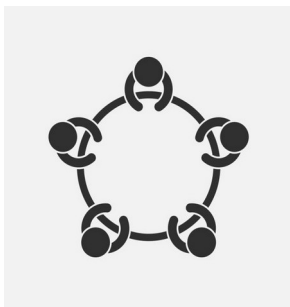


# The Monroe Doctrine



August 2022

## Listening Circles



You are invited to share your thoughts about our congregation and where God is leading us at an upcoming Listening Circle gathering. Listening Circles are opportunities for groups of up to 12 people to help

Pastor Jeff get to know the people of our congregation and what Monroe UMC is all about. Responses will be collected and used to help discern next steps toward God's preferred future for our church. The goal is to include as many in the congregation as are interested.

Upcoming dates are listed below. All meetings will be held in the Church Library. If you would rather meet via Zoom, please contact Pastor Jeff at [revjamotter@gmail.com](mailto:revjamotter@gmail.com).

To sign up for a Listening Circle, find the lists before and after Sunday worship, or call Edna at the Church Office, Tuesday through Friday, 9:00 AM to 4:30 PM at 513.539.7290. You can also send an email to [monroeumc@cinci.rr.com](mailto:monroeumc@cinci.rr.com). Invite a friend to join you. Everyone is welcome.

### Dates for Upcoming Listening Circles:

Monday, August 1, 10:00-11:30 am  
Sunday, August 7, 2:00-3:30 pm  
Monday, August 8, 6:30-8:00 pm  
Tuesday, August 9, 10:00-11:30 am

Wednesday, August 10, 6:30-8:00 pm

Thursday, August 11, 6:30-8:00 pm

## Annual Conference info



Want to learn more about the 2022 West Ohio Annual Conference? There is a summary of this year's Annual Conference, which was held on Zoom.

Just visit <https://www.westohioumc.org/ac/2022> to read it or to find other related documents. You can also view videos from the Conference at <https://www.youtube.com/user/WestOhioUMC>, including various worship services and addresses.

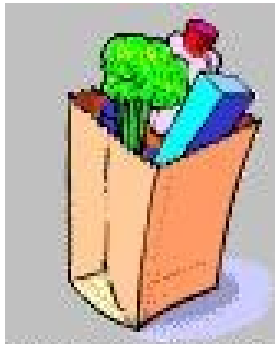
## Blessing of the Backpacks



### Blessing of the Backpacks

School-age kids are invited to bring your school book bags or backpacks to church on Sunday, August 14. The congregation will pray a blessing over the kids and their bags to help them know they are loved and prayed for as they go off to school. We'll also pray for our schools and staff members. College students are also included in this time of blessing. Be sure to attend and show your support for our children, youth, parents, and educators.

## Food Pantry collection



The Nazarene Food Pantry we help from time to time needs Hamburger Helper and Box Potatoes. The Missions Committee is taking donations and there are bins downstairs at the rear entrance and in the Narthex. Any donations are appreciated, but please

no pasta, they have plenty but they could use spaghetti sauce. Thanks in advance, Missions.

## Children's Ministry

**Xtreme Kids Children's Church** begins at 9:15 in Small Fellowship Hall. Our mission is to teach kids how to read the Bible and apply it to their lives. The current curriculum is based on the Parables of Jesus.

**Nursery** for newborns to 4 years old (or when potty trained and ready for Children's Church) Sundays during the 9:30 and 11:00 services.

**Back-to-School Celebration** - August 14. There will be a Third Grade Bible Presentation at both services and a Blessing of the Backpacks at either service. Students can bring their backpacks to the altar. We will pray for the students and the school year.

**Back to School Party** August 14 during Sunday school (9:30 AM) – Play games and win school supplies.

**Summer Play Dates** at Monroe Bicentennial Park (old Americana site on Rt. 4) after Sunday school August 21, and September 18.

## Amanda Outreach / Slinky Tutoring Center



**Tutors/mentors are needed** on Mondays and/or Wednesdays between 4:30 and 5:30 PM. Amanda Elementary children appreciate your Christian love and encouragement. Next training

session is on September 7, 4:30 PM. Slinky

begins September 12. Contact Gina for more details ([gmatcraft@gmail.com](mailto:gmatcraft@gmail.com)/937-514-3793).

**Christmas Play Practice** begins September 25.

## BLAZE YOUTH



**Midweek Worship** is BACK for high-school and young-adult youth. Starting Wednesday, August 10, from 7:00 - 8:30 PM, join us for games, music, snacks, and Jesus stuff. Just RSVP with Ruthie by midnight the night before.

This month's BYOF (bring your own friend) event is Comedy Night on August 17. Jr. High, High School, and young adults are welcome. These nights are designed to introduce friends to the group in a non-threatening atmosphere. Plus, if you bring a guest, you could win a prize!

**Bible for Dummies Class.** Sixth and seventh graders or other Bible newbies who want to learn the Bible in preparation for youth group, this one's for you. Starting August 28, join us each Sunday at 11 AM in person and over Zoom to learn why and how to read, study, and use God's Word. Just bring your Bible, some note-taking supplies, and your hunger for knowledge. High-school and young-adult youth are welcome to participate as volunteers and provide moral support.

## Fifth Sunday Brunch

Every time there is a fifth Sunday in the month, Blaze Youth hosts brunch in Atchley Hall following each service. Cost is "pay-what-you-can" and the proceeds support our fall/winter activities and other church needs.

Date of next brunch: October 30.

Volunteers eat free! To find out how you can help, contact Ruthie at [rmstout2014@gmail.com](mailto:rmstout2014@gmail.com).



200 years, Wow!

## GROUNDBREAKING



On Sunday, May 10, 1969, Monroe's Methodist Church was destroyed when a tornado struck. Plans were already under way for construction of a new building. Those plans had to be changed and on Sunday, November 23, 1969, ground was broken for a new church building.


From left to right, the following people took part in turning over that first shovel full of dirt. They are Rev. Gary Miller, minister of the congregation; Ed McDonald of the Building Committee; William Kinsey, finance; Bill Garver, trustee chairman; John Osterman, secretary; Curtis Harris, foreman for the contractor, Frank Whisman & Sons; and Eugene Switzer, the architect.

The new building was consecrated on Sunday, December 6, 1970.

The photograph is from the Tuesday, November 25, 1969 issue of [The Middletown Journal](#).

The "History Committee" is made up of the following: Jane Majors, Elaine Kuth, Eleanore Short, Reed Musgrove and Roger Miller at [rmiller149@cinci.rr.com](mailto:rmiller149@cinci.rr.com)



		Monday		Tuesday		Wednesday		Thursday		Friday		Saturday	
31	Sunday Brunch after Worship	1	6:00pm Yoga/AH 7:00pm Scouts/AH	2	10:00am Share Group/Parlor	3	11:00am Yoga/AH 12:00pm Exercise/Narthex	4	7:00pm Rekindled/AH	5	10:00am Exercise/AH 11:00am Yoga/AH	6	
7	Holy Communion	8	6:00pm Yoga/AH 7:00pm Scouts/AH	9	10:00am Share Group/Parlor 7:00pm Line Dancing/AH	10	11:00am Yoga/AH 12:00pm Exercise/Narthex	11	7:00pm Rekindled/AH	12	10:00am Exercise/AH 11:00am Yoga/AH	13	
14		15	6:00pm Yoga/AH 7:00pm Scouts/AH	16	10:00am Share Group/Parlor 7:00pm Finance Committee/Zoom 7:00pm Line Dancing/AH	17	11:00am Yoga/AH 12:00pm Exercise/Narthex	18	7:00pm Rekindled/AH	19	10:00am Exercise/AH 11:00am Yoga/AH 5:00pm –9:00pm Emmaus Gathering	20	
21		22	6:00pm Yoga/AH 7:00pm Scouts/AH	23	10:00am Share Group/Parlor 7:00pm Line Dancing/AH	24	11:00am Yoga/AH 12:00pm Exercise/Narthex	25	7:00pm Rekindled/AH	26	10:00am Exercise/AH 11:00am Yoga/AH	27	
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## Birthdays

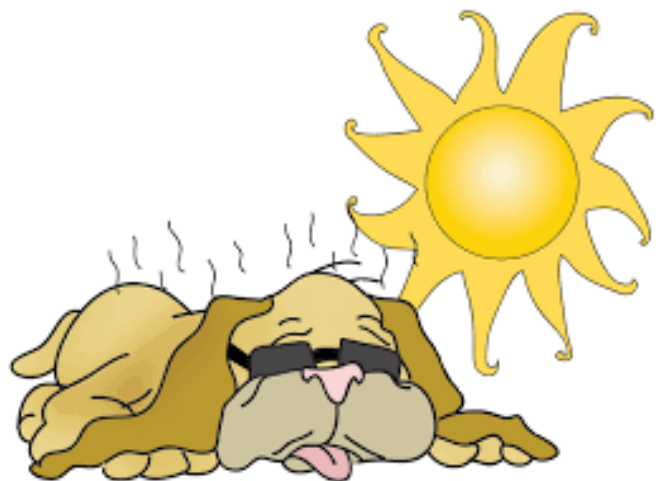
- 3 – Rick Gardner  
Dan Tracy
- 10 – Bill Whitenack **(97 years)**
- 13 – Ron Johnson
- 16 – Marian Hattery **(96 years)**
- 18 – Helen Ihle
- 21 – Ruth McDiffett
- 23 – Josh Evans
- 25 – Paul Moak  
Tracy Yalich
- 26 – Jerry Lapham
- 27 – Shirley Hall
- 29 – Jim Price

## Anniversaries

- 1 – Robert & Mary Johnson **(52 years)**
- 4 – **Lynne & Don Alleman (66 years)**
- 11 – **Elaine & Donald Garver (55 years)**
- 12 – **Barbara & Ron Conley (66 years)**
- 23 – Lyndi & Jeremy Uitto
- 26 – **Jim & Vernita Clark (62 years)**  
**Judy & Ron Johnson (50 years)**

### Statistically Speaking

<u>Date</u>	<u>Offering</u>
6/5	\$5,006
6/12	\$5,889



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connecting with each other and connecting with the world.*



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