

The Monroe Doctrine



July 2016

Put Me In Coach, I'm Ready



As I've done for nearly all my 31 years of ministry, I spent a week at Camp Otterbein, in the Hocking Hills. It was a wonderful time where children, youth,

and the college-aged staff have come to a deeper understanding of their faith and what it means to be beloved of God, redeemed by Jesus Christ, and sent by the Holy Spirit into the world to bring change, love, and redemption. For the first time, I accompanied our own Senior High Youth on their week of camp at Lakeside, Ohio. This was the first time I was there when it was not Annual Conference. It was *very* different, but it was also a time of acceptance, redemption, and sending. Two very great weeks but this old pastor is tired.

As many of you know, Kelly Waugh is leaving after VBS to join Tim in ministry at Faith Community UMC in West Chester. As of this writing, we have not hired a person into that ministry spot, but there are many issues raised.

My friends, the ministry of this church will not work if the primary work is to be done by our staff. If the ministry of the Monroe UMC is limited by the time, skills and efforts of our very-talented staff, we are indeed limited. However, if we all step up and do a bit of the work, then there

is no limit to what we can get done.

Let us take this time of transition to change the way we do Children's Ministries. What if our new staff person were to come on board to find a slate of volunteers willing to share the ministry with her or him? What if our new staff person's responsibilities were to envision new ministries, resource existing ministries, and empower our church to change the lives of the children of the Monroe area? My friends, we could change the world.

Likewise, I attended camp with our Senior High Youth, because Brittany could not find another male adult who could take the week to spend with our youth. While I found the week to be a blessing, it would have been even better for our youth to have another male layperson with whom to bond and by whom to be mentored into discipleship. I was happy to do my part, but we need more adults who will step up to be involved in our Youth Ministries to help our youth grow into mature Christians even while they are traversing the most difficult parts of their lives. Imagine what we could do if Brittany's responsibilities were to envision new ministries, resource existing ministries and empower our church to change the lives of youth in the Monroe area. Again, we could change the world.

Like the 1985 song by John Fogerty, let us say to God, "Put me in coach, I'm ready to play today."

Grace & Peace.

Pastor Joel

July Worship Schedule

- 3 Fruit of The Spirit–Forbearance Gal 5:16-26
10 Fruit of The Spirit–Kindness Gal 5:16-26
17 Fruit of The Spirit-Goodness Gal 5:16-26
8:30 & 10:45
9:30-VBS SUNDAY
24 Rick Drake Preaches.
31 Fruit of The Spirit–Faithfulness Gal 5:16-26

Prayer Concerns

Ever notice the 8 ½ x 11 sheet labeled “Prayer Concerns” on the Atchley Hall welcome stations or the railing by the sound system in the sanctuary? One of the attributes of a “live” church is that the members pray for each other. And, being Methodists, we organize it.

Where do the prayer requests on the list come from? Some are phoned in to the church office. Some come from the Pastor. Some are posted on our email list, mumc@yahoogroups.com. Others are submitted on the back of the “green card” included with your bulletin.

One of the problems maintaining the list is keeping it current. We not only need the original request for prayer, we need to know how it was answered. If you've requested prayer, please let us know when the status has changed or periodically if the need is on-going.

We've also begun emailing the “Prayer Concerns” list as a pdf file. You can now submit your new requests and status changes by replying to this email.

Children’s Ministry director

Monroe United Methodist Church is seeking a part-time (20 hours/week) Director of Children’s Ministry. We need someone able to create a loving and caring environment for providing Christian Education to children from pre-school through 6th grade and to lead the children to experience the love of Christ. This position requires a collaborative spirit as it involves

extensive communication with other staff members, volunteers, students, and church members.

Primary responsibilities include Sunday School, Nursery, VBS, and other special events. Duties include approving programs, curricula, activities, and disbursement of funds; ensuring that classrooms are organized, orderly, and safe and that policies are developed, posted, and enforced; recording attendance of workers and children; communicating Children’s Ministry events to the congregation; counseling and praying with children; and recruiting, screening, and training staff and volunteers.

Want to join MUMC?

We will be having Monroe 101 on Sunday, July 17, at 3:00 PM or Wednesday, July 20, at 7:00 PM in Melvin’s Room. Hear about what it means to be a United Methodist, a part of Monroe UMC, and ways you can be involved. We will receive our new members at their choice of worship services on Sunday, July 24.

New address

Marilyn Burley, widow of former MUMC Pastor William Burley, has moved to the Cottingham Retirement Community. Her new address is 3995 Cottingham Dr., Cincinnati, Ohio 45241-1676.

Prayer study

Rick Drake will lead a class on the book, *Before the Amen*, a study on prayer by Max Lucas. It starts Sunday, August 7, and continues through September 11.

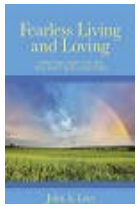
Summer meeting schedules

The **Loss Recovery Group** will not meet again until Tuesday, September 6, at 2:00 PM in the Parlor.

There will be no **Caregivers Support Group** meeting the month of July due to the 4th of July and Vacation Bible School. The group will meet again Monday, August 1, at noon.

There will be no **Congregational Health Care** meeting in July. They will meet again on Tuesday, August 9.

New support book



For all who are living with serious illness or who are caregivers, the hospice chaplain who spoke at the May UMW meeting gave three copies of the book, *Fearless Living and Loving*, by John Love for our library.

This book offers up-lifting stories and lessons to empower Christians to make positive life-changing choices. If you want your own copy, it's available on Amazon.

The library is full

Thank you to everyone who donated books to our library. Your generosity is greatly appreciated. However, at this time, we have no room for any more books. Again, we appreciate your donations.

Prayer shawls

We have had several requests for prayer shawls and need a few more. A large collection of new yarn has been donated or you may purchase your own yarn and be reimbursed. See **Ann Copeland** for more information.

Hospital Visitation Ministry

We would like to form a team to visit members of our congregation hospitalized in the local area. Training is provided and visiting downtown hospitals is not required. If you can spare an hour a month to be a part of this caring ministry, please see **Ann Copeland**.

Another yoga class

Our yoga class has been so well attended, averaging 15 people every Wednesday morning from 11:00 – 11:45, we are adding a new Monday evening class beginning this fall. The cost will be the same, \$3.50 per session or \$12.00 for a coupon booklet of 4 classes. If you are interested, please let **Ann Copeland** know your time preference : 6:00, 6:30, or 7:00.

General Conference report

The 2016 United Methodist General Conference was held in May in Portland, Oregon. The issue that made the most headlines was the conflict between those who want full inclusion of all people regardless of sexual identity, and those who want to draw a bright line between ministry to all people and the acceptance of same-sex marriage and the ordination of self-avowed practicing homosexuals. This issue has been a source of much heated conflict in our denomination for some 40 years. The argument built and built until it appeared our denomination might split into two or three denominations over the issue. Finally, the Delegates asked the Council of Bishops to give clear direction. They went away overnight and came back with a proposal to form a Commission that would include all the voices from around the world and to bring back an answer as early as 2018 or 2019 when they would have a Special General Conference to decide this one issue. It's possible the Commission's work may not be ready until the next General Conference in 2020, which will meet in the Minneapolis. At this point, all discussion is conjecture. As your pastor, I am waiting until they meet and then will act when we have all the information.

My friends, there may come a day when we have to make hard decisions and have long discussions about our beliefs and our practice right here where we are. But until that day comes, I would prefer that we focus our hearts, our faith, and our activities on growing in our faith through quiet times, worship, small groups and learning groups, and reaching out in concern and service to our neighbors through Service Days and Mission Projects both near and far away. We have a story to tell the nations and to our neighbors. Let's just be about that, and we'll deal with denominational issues when the time seems right.

VBS help still needed

Kelly Waugh could still use some more Team Leaders for VBS, July 10 – 14.

JULY 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
26 Newsletter Deadline 7:00 PM Young Adult Basketball/AH	27	28 10:00 AM Share Group/Parlor 5:30 PM Grace Walkers 7:00 PM Line Dancing/AH	29 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM Yoga	30 7:00 PM Rekindled/AH	1	2 Sr. High Students return from Summer Camp @ Lakeside
3 Holy Communion 7:00 PM Young Adult Basketball/AH	4 Church Office Closed Independence Day Jr. High Students leave for Summer Camp @ Lakeside	5 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM Clergy Cluster/MR 10:00 AM Share Group/Parlor 5:30 PM Grace Walkers	6 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM Yoga	7 7:00 PM Rekindled/AH	8 Jr. High Students return from Summer Camp @ Lakeside	9 VBS Set-up All Day
10 Blood Pressure Screenings/Narthex 6:30 PM - 8:45 PM Vacation Bible School 7:00 PM Young Adult Basketball/AH	11 6:30 PM - 8:45 PM Vacation Bible School 7:00 PM Missions/S.A.I.L/MR	12 10:00 AM Share Group/Parlor 5:30 PM Grace Walkers 6:30 PM - 8:45 PM Vacation Bible School 7:00 PM Finance Committee/MR	13 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM Yoga 6:30 PM - 8:45 PM Vacation Bible School	14 6:30 PM - 8:45 PM Vacation Bible School	15	16
17 9:30 AM VBS Program 3:00 PM Monroe 101/MR 7:00 PM Young Adult Basketball/AH	18	19 10:00 AM Share Group/Parlor 5:30 PM Grace Walkers 7:00 PM Line Dancing/AH 7:00 PM Trustees/MR	20 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM Yoga 7:00 PM Monroe 101/MR	21 7:00 PM Rekindled/AH	22	23
24 "Faith Day" Going to Reds Game Newsletter Deadline Receive New Members 7:00 PM Young Adult Basketball/AH	25	26 10:00 AM Share Group/Parlor 5:30 PM Grace Walkers 7:00 PM Administrative Council/MR 7:00 PM Line Dancing/AH	27 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM Yoga	28 7:00 PM Rekindled/AH	29	30
31 Casseroles to Go 7:00 PM Young Adult Basketball/AH	1 12:00 PM Caregivers Support Group/MR	2 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM Clergy Cluster/MR 10:00 AM Share Group/Parlor 5:30 PM Grace Walkers	3 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM Yoga 7:00 PM Nominations Committee/MR	4 7:00 PM Rekindled/AH	5	6 1:00 PM - 5:00 PM Jamie Pierce/AH

July



July Birthdays

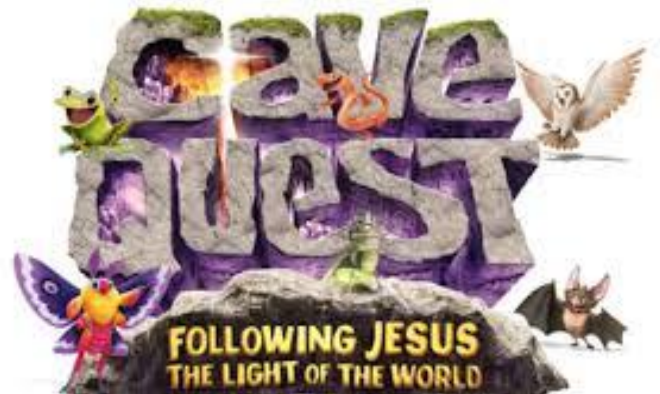
- 1 – Bill Parnell **(95 years)**
Dillis Bolton
- 3 – Bessie Craycraft **(93 years)**
- 4 - Barbara Riggs
- 7 - Darsie Flannery
Joan Carpenter
- 8 - Jacob Brooks
Katie Cox
- 9 - Audrey Brophy
Virginia Gansheimer
- 10 - Nick Streibick
- 11 – Brenda Cox
- 12 – Joyce Tannreuther
Jennifer MacDonald
Arlene Klemushin
- 13 – Gracie DeBord
Kay Long
- 14 – Joan Craft
- 15 – Pat Williams
Norman Ivins
- 16 – Tyler Osterman
- 17 – Amanda Hogan
- 18 – Dale Short
Dave Morgan
- 19 – Michelle Fults
- 20 – Bill Leeds
Carolyn Price
- 23 – Julie Dunavent
- 27 – Elaine Garver
Debby Davis
Ashley Gould
- 28 – Nancy Harrison
Rita Tannreuther
Janet Huening
- 29 – Wanita Doty
- 30 – Lyndi Uitto
- 31 – Holly Stevens

July Anniversaries

- 1 - Jim & Jan Aumann
- 2 – Sara & Jimmy Hicks
- 7 – Eleanore and Dale Short **(54 years)**
Beth & Russ Stearns
Sheilia & Brian Holbrock
- 12 - John & Tula Hamilton
- 15 – Lori & Kenny Cobb
Connie & Mike Grooms
- 16 – LeAnn & Steve Schlamb
- 18 – Denise & Alan Dyke
- 20 – Carolyn & Nathan Firth
- 22 - Doug & April Aumann
- 25 – Judith & Mauro Losz

Monthly Statistics...

	<u>Attendance</u>	<u>Offering</u>
May 15	269	\$6,563
May 22	275	\$3,934
May 29	215	\$3,194
June 5	213	\$7,607
June 12	214	\$10,577



Vacation Bible School
Sunday, July 10th -
Thursday, July 14th
6:30 - 8:45 pm



Bone marrow transplants can treat and even cure some types of genetic disorders and blood diseases. Key to this potentially life-saving procedure is finding a matching donor. Not all patients, however, are able to find a match among their relatives. In those cases, searching for an unrelated, matched donor can be a long, stressful, and possibly unsuccessful process—especially for ethnic and racial minorities.

Blood from human umbilical cords acquired soon after a baby is born contains a small number of the adult stem cells that mature into healthy blood cells. Umbilical cord blood donation poses little risk to donors, and the life-saving blood can be stored frozen for years (albeit for a fee if it is stored through a private company).

For more than 15 years, the NHLBI has supported research into the safety and effectiveness of transplanting cord blood that has been donated by people unrelated to the patients who need it. Studies are ongoing in sickle cell disease, severe aplastic anemia, and myelodysplastic syndromes, as is research to improve the yield of blood-forming stem cells from cord blood.

July is National Cord Blood Awareness Month. We encourage you to learn more about cord blood research and the importance of participating in clinical trials to advance scientific knowledge and improve the treatment of disease. A different way to help someone in need is to register as a bone marrow donor.

To learn more about cord blood donation go to www.viacord.com
To learn more about becoming a bone marrow donor go to <https://bethematch.org>

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Mission Statement:

***Shining the light on the hill by connecting with Jesus Christ,
connecting with each other, and connecting with the world.***



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