

# The Monroe Doctrine



June 2016

## To everything a season



I am sitting here in the middle of May writing about a church that has nurtured me, that I have loved all my life, and in which I have served as an ordained clergy for over 30 years. Maybe

by the time you read this, things will have turned for the better ... or not. But, at this point, I am heartbroken by the rumblings and rumors of a slow breakup of the United Methodist Church. But, let me lift my own heart and maybe yours as well, by talking about what we get right.

We have been a church that has made “room at the table” for all people who genuinely want to seek God. I like that. Sure, sometimes church members and some other clergy make me want to bang my head against my desk. But, more often, my heart is warmed, my spirit expanded, and my understanding grown as I spend time listening to (not just fiercely debating) these beloved children of God. I’m not always right. So, I need folks with whom I disagree to help me grow and change and become the person God designed me to be in all of that fullness.

As a denomination, we are usually first in line to help folks in distress. We are usually last to leave when a problem becomes a crisis. We are on the front-lines all over the globe and here at home. We are ready. We are prepared. We are willing.

Thanks be to God. We had preachers and evangelists on the wagon trains going across the country as we kept pushing west and we started churches. We were the ones who started schools because children needed educations. We started hospitals because people were dying of easily treated diseases. We fought against slavery and child labor. We fought for women’s rights and the right for ethnic minorities to vote.

We started the Sunday School and the Tent Revival. We stepped up to Congress and lobbied as their conscience. We fought to outlaw alcohol because we saw what it did to families (and won and then had the sense to withdraw when it wasn’t working). We fought to keep gambling illegal because we saw what it did to families (and eventually lost). We fight for the social order and help make our nation strong.

We’ve been Scout leaders and kids’ sports coaches. We’ve been Generals and Presidents. We’ve been diplomats and missionaries. We’ve led nations and very small churches.

We have spent around 190 years in Monroe being a Light on a Hill, and we will continue to do so regardless of what happens around us. We will reach out to our community and to our neighbors and welcome strangers into our midst. We will change, but we will not change our love of God, our love of each other, and our love of our neighbor.

Grace & Peace,

--Pastor Joel

## June Worship Schedule

- 5 “Fruit of the Spirit Intro” Gal 5:16-26  
12 “Fruit of the Spirit – Love” Gal 5:16-26  
19 “Fruit of the Spirit – Joy” Gal 5:16-26  
**Father’s Day**  
26 “Fruit of the Spirit – Peace” Gal 5:16-26

## Charge Conference June 12

We have been given permission to hold a special Charge Conference on Sunday, June 12, in the sanctuary after the 10:45 worship service to recommend **Rick Drake** for candidacy in the United Methodist Church. As many of you know, Rick served as a pastor in the Church of God (Anderson) before his divorce, which meant that he could no longer continue as a pastor in that denomination. After many years, Rick has felt a calling back to the pulpit and to become a United Methodist pastor. We are excited to share in this journey with him.

Rick has worked his way through the Clergy Candidacy Process to the place where we, as a congregation, need to recommend him to the District. They will certify his candidacy and eventually give him a Local Pastor License to serve a local UM Church with sacramental privileges and all pastoral authority. The floor will be open for all to share about Rick and what he has meant in our lives and to our faith. Then we will have a vote whether to recommend him. Regardless which service you attend, you are invited to be present around 11:45 for this exciting moment in Rick’s life and the life of our congregation.

## 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.

## Good Fellowship

Good Fellowship will meet on Tuesday, June 7, at 6:00 PM in Atchley Hall. Please bring a hot dish, salad or dessert to share and your own table service. Good Fellowship will not meet in July and August.

## Thank you

From **Bob Johnson** to my church family for their prayers, cards, and concern during my recent surgery. God has blessed me in many ways.

From **Debby Davis** to everyone for the prayers, cards, well wishes, and support given to me for my recent back surgeries. I am convinced that it is the power of prayer that gets us through the dark times.

From **Marty Brown** to all the people of the church for the many cards you sent me. I’ll celebrate my birthday reading the cards and notes.

## Rev. Tim Waugh at UMW

Former MUMC pastor, Rev. Tim Waugh, will explain his current role as assistant to the Superintendent of the Ohio River Valley District at the June United Methodist Women's meeting. The event will be Thursday, June 19, at 7:00 PM in the fellowship hall. He will also provide resources for devotional materials for new church members. All women of the church are invited to attend. Please bring paper products for Abilities First.

## Audio upgrades needed

The 9:30 Praise & Worship service plans to upgrade the Atchley Hall speakers to a newer, better-equipped system that will use the space more efficiently. The cost is estimated at \$3000. If you can financially support this effort, please mark your check “9:30 Speakers.” For more information, you can contact **Chuck Garitson**.

## Video Ministry growing

As most of you know, we have been able to record DVDs of the 10:45 Traditional service for

a while now and have blessed many of our homebound church members with this gift. Recently, our Audio/Video team has been asked to begin videoing the 9:30 Praise & Worship service as well. We already record the 9:30 service audio and have put a few of the recent sermons on the church website under the "MEDIA" tab. We have the video equipment, but we need a couple of people to operate the camera and recorder. If you can help, contact **Chuck** or **Andy Garitson**.

## Caregivers Support Group

The next Caregivers Support Group meeting will be June 6 at noon in Melvin's room. Join us for a great lunch, lots of fun, and emotional and practical support in coping with the demands of care-giving.

## Wednesday morning yoga

Our Wednesday morning yoga is booming. Yoga helps the body in many ways. Some of the health benefits include: increased muscle strength and tone, improved respiration and energy, more balanced metabolism, improved cardiac and circulatory health, prevention of cartilage breakdown, increased mobility, and decreased stress. Take care of your body "temple" and join us Wednesdays at 11:00. Costs is \$3.50 per 45 minute session or \$12.00 for a coupon book for 4 sessions.

## Blood Mobile coming

Hoxworth Blood Mobile will be here on Sunday, September 11, from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM. We will need 42 people from our church and community to sign up as blood donors. One pint of blood can save the lives of up to 5 people. In order to donate on September 11, you cannot donate after July 17 to allow for the required 8 weeks between donations. Save the date and invite friends and neighbors to be a part of this life-saving project.

## Hospital Visitation Ministry

In addition to the church staff visiting those in the hospital, we would like to form a hospital visitation team that would visit members of our

congregation who are hospitalized in the local area. Training is provided and visiting downtown hospitals is not required. If you can spare approximately an hour a month to be a part of this caring ministry, please see **Ann Copeland**.

## Cave Quest VBS July 10-14



Cave Quest VBS will be here Sunday, July 10, through Thursday, July 14. Register on-line for Kindergarten - 6th grade via a link on our church website,

[www.monroeumc.org](http://www.monroeumc.org). A limited number of preschoolers may be registered manually. See **Kelly Waugh** for more information.

We'll need:

**Crew Leaders** who lead a small group of 5 or 6 children through the stations, providing encouragement for participation. No preparation is required.

A **Game Station Leader** to take the provided game idea book and pick one or two games each night for groups to play in four different rotations. Games supplies are provided.

A **Kid Vid Station Leader** to show children a video about how other children in the world may have struggles that most of our children do not have. This station encourages our VBS children on what they can do to make a difference. You lead four rotations of approximately 25 children.

**Set Decorators** to turn the VBS areas of our church into an underground cave to show children how Jesus is the light of the world and how they can let their lights shine for Jesus. We need painters, sculptors, a few power tools, and other helpers before the event.

## No Men's Breakfast

There will be no Men's Breakfast for June, July, or August. We will reconvene on Saturday September 10, at 9:00 AM.

## JUNE 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>29</b> Casseroles to Go 7:00 PM Young Adult Basketball/AH	<b>30</b> Church Office Closed Memorial Day Observed	<b>31</b> 10:00 AM Share Group/Parlor 5:30 PM Grace Walkers 6:30 PM - 8:30 PM Cub Scouts/#6 & 7 7:00 PM Line Dancing/AH	<b>1</b> 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM Yoga	<b>2</b> 7:00 PM Rekindled/AH	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>5</b> Annual Conference at Lakeside Begins Holy Communion 10:45 AM Graduation Sunday 7:00 PM Young Adult Basketball/AH	<b>6</b> 12:00 PM Caregivers Support Group/MR	<b>7</b> 10:00 AM Share Group/Parlor 2:00 PM Loss Recovery Group/Parlor 5:30 PM Grace Walkers 6:00 PM Good Fellowship Dinner/AH	<b>8</b> Annual Conference at Lakeside ends 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM Yoga	<b>9</b> 7:00 PM Rekindled/AH	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>
<b>12</b> Blood Pressure Screenings/NartheX Church Conference for Rick Drake after the 10:45 service 7:00 PM Young Adult Basketball/AH	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> 10:00 AM Share Group/Parlor 5:30 PM Grace Walkers 7:00 PM Finance Committee/MR 7:00 PM Line Dancing/AH	<b>15</b> 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM Yoga	<b>16</b> 7:00 PM Rekindled/AH 7:00 PM United Methodist Women/Small Fellowship Hall	<b>17</b> 8:00 PM Atchley Hall Set-up	<b>18</b> 8:00 AM - 12:00 PM Relay For Life Brunch/AH
<b>19</b> FATHER'S DAY 7:00 PM Young Adult Basketball/AH	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> 10:00 AM Share Group/Parlor 2:00 PM Loss Recovery Group/Parlor 5:30 PM Grace Walkers 7:00 PM Line Dancing/AH 7:00 PM Trustees/MR	<b>22</b> 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM Yoga	<b>23</b> 7:00 PM Rekindled/AH	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> Sr. High Students leave for Summer Camp @ Lakeside
<b>26</b> Newsletter Deadline 7:00 PM Young Adult Basketball/AH	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> 10:00 AM Share Group/Parlor 5:30 PM Grace Walkers 7:00 PM Line Dancing/AH	<b>29</b> 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM Yoga	<b>30</b> 7:00 PM Rekindled/AH	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b> Sr. High Students return from Summer Camp @ Lakeside

# June

## Happy Birthday

### June Birthdays

- 1 – Debbie Kistner  
Kevin Larison  
Tori Larison
- 2 – Allison Handorf  
Elizabeth Handorf  
Bob Majors  
Toni McDonough
- 3 – Gladys Garrett **(96 years)**  
Linda Beckett
- 5 – Tula Hamilton  
Judy Zimmerman
- 8 – Sarah Ihle  
Wendy Harbarger
- 10 – Eugene Ezell **(93 years)**  
Marc Thompson  
Chuck Garitson  
Pat Harrington  
Jordan Comer
- 11 – Jerry Markland  
Carly Benken  
Jacob Benken  
Tyler Benken  
Barbara Fohl
- 12 – Gene Williams  
Barbara Hill  
Troy Hatcher
- 13 – Diane Hickman  
Phyllis Ezell
- 14 – Cassandra Daniel
- 17 – Olivia Pierce
- 18 – Christy Handorf  
John Somerfield
- 19 – Lori Rhoads
- 20 – Steve Hollon
- 21 – Bentley Stone
- 22 – Leanne Kniffen
- 23 – Donovan Harrington
- 24 – Doreen Harrington
- 25 – Alma Fleming
- 26 – Lizzie Halsey  
Dennis Majors
- 27 – Sommer Moreland  
Brian Maharg
- 28 – Deloris Rarig
- 29 – Steve Garitson  
Rev. Joel Harbarger  
April Aumann  
Craig Hesson

## Happy Anniversary

### June Anniversaries

- 1 – Lori & Ken Rhoads
- 2 – Frances & Walter Reed
- 3 – Laura & Steve Izor
- 4 – Toni & Steve McDonough
- 6 – Barbara & Bob Riggs
- 9 - Brian & Nikki Alexander
- 11 – Debbie & Jeffrey Brookshire
- 14 – Helen & Joe Ihle **(65 years)**  
Connie & Brian Wesner
- 15 – Barbara & Richard Fohl **(59 years)**
- 16 – Betty & Steve Gilby **(54 years)**  
Brenda & Richard Holden  
Angie & Tommy Stone
- 17 – Jan & Mike Bresnahan  
Joe & Amy Snively
- 19 - Dave & Karen Walz
- 20 – Debbie & Roger Kistner
- 21 – Melissa & Josh Evans  
Matt & Ashley Gould
- 22 – Paula & Jamie Pierce
- 26 – Benita & Terry Barrett
- 28 – Maribeth & Skip Weaver  
Holly & Greg Stevens
- 29 – Ellen & John Osterman **(59 years)**  
Connie & Rick Beckett
- 30 – Lois & David LeBlanc

### The numbers for April/May

	<u>Attendance</u>	<u>Offering</u>
4/17	278	\$3,636
4/24	181	\$5,670
5/1	281	\$10,092
5/8	263	\$6,459



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REQUESTED RETURN SERVICE

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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