

# The Monroe Doctrine



February 2017

## ...one day a week



Over the decades I have been in ministry, I've heard zillions of folks say in jest (and some seriously) that I only work on Sundays and just in the mornings. But here's what the 2016 Book

of Discipline (BOD) expects clergy to do.

The responsibilities of elders (ministers) are derived from the authority given in ordination. Elders have a fourfold ministry of Word, Sacrament, Order, and Service and thus serve in witness and service of Christ's love and justice. Elders are authorized to preach and teach the Word, to provide pastoral care and counsel, to administer the sacraments, and to order the life of the church for service in mission and ministry.

**Word:** (1) To preach the Word of God, lead in worship, read and teach the Scriptures, and engage the people in study and witness. (a) To ensure faithful transmission of the Christian faith. (b) To lead people in discipleship and evangelistic outreach. (2) To counsel persons. (3) To perform the acts of marriage and burial (including grief counseling) (4) To visit in the homes of the church and the community, especially among the sick, aged, imprisoned, and others in need. (5) To maintain all confidences inviolate.

**Sacrament:** (1) To administer the sacraments of baptism and the Supper of the Lord (a) To prepare the parents and sponsors before baptizing infants

or children. (b) To encourage reaffirmation of the baptismal covenant. (c) To encourage people baptized in infancy or early childhood to make their profession of faith. (Confirmation) (d) To select and train deacons and lay members to serve communion. (2) To encourage the private and congregational use of the other means of grace.

**Order:** (1) To be the administrative officer of the local church and to assure that the organizational concerns of the congregation are adequately provided for. (a) To give support, guidance, and training to the lay leadership. (b) To give oversight to the educational program of the church. (c) To be responsible for organizational faithfulness, goal setting, planning and evaluation. (d) To search out and counsel men and women for the ministry of deacons, elders, local pastors, and other church-related ministries. (2) To administer the Church in their Appointment, Annual Conference, and General Church. (a) To administer the provisions of the Discipline. (b) To give an account of their pastoral ministries to the charge and annual conference according to the prescribed forms. (c) To provide leadership for the funding ministry of the congregation. (d) To model and promote faithful financial stewardship. (e) To lead the congregation in the full and faithful payment of all apportionments. (f) To care for all church records. (3) To participate in denominational and conference programs and training opportunities. (a) To seek out opportunities for cooperative ministries. (b) To be willing to assume supervisory responsibilities

within the connection. (4) To lead the congregation in racial and ethnic inclusiveness.

### Service:

(1) To embody the teachings of Jesus in servant ministries. (2) Order the life of the congregation for discipleship in the world. (3) To build a caring and giving community. (4) To participate in community, ecumenical, and inter-religious concerns.

Trying to do it all!



## February Worship Schedule

### Sermons On The Mount Series:

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|-------------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| 5                             | “Salt & Light”  | Matthew 5:13-20 |
| 12                            | “But I Say ...” | Matthew 5:21-37 |
| <b>Boy Scout Sunday</b>       |                 |                 |
| 19                            | “Extreme Love”  | Matthew 5:38-48 |
| 26                            | “Getting High”  | Matthew 17:1-9  |
| <b>Transfiguration Sunday</b> |                 |                 |

## Monroe UMC Staffing Needs

While our Contemporary Worship needs are in good hands as **Brittany Gould** has added “Interim Worship Leader” to her work list, we *still* need a permanent part-time Worship Leader. If you or someone you know is interested, email a resume to [monroeumc@cinci.rr.com](mailto:monroeumc@cinci.rr.com).

We are also so very happy that **Justine Stitt**, **Jessie Hull**, and others have been keeping our Sunday School running at full-tilt, but these volunteer leaders need some staff support if we are going to be the “go-to” Children’s Ministries church. We are looking for a half-time Director of Children’s Ministries. Again, if you or someone you know is interested, have them email a resume to us at [monroeumc@cinci.rr.com](mailto:monroeumc@cinci.rr.com)

## Lent is coming soon

Lent will begin this year with our Ash Wednesday service in the sanctuary on March 1, at 7:00 PM. This service includes an active confession of sins,

imposition of ashes, and communion. It’s a wonderful and powerful time of worship. Make sure you are with us

After that, the Spring Pastor’s Bible Study on “Parables” will begin, as well as all of the Lenten experiences. Look in the next *Monroe Doctrine* to get all the Lenten details.

## Want to join MUMC?

We will be having Monroe 101 on Sunday, February 5, at 3:00 PM or Wednesday, February 8, 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, February 12.

## Thank you

From **Helping Hands** to everyone who donated food or worked at the funeral luncheons for Joe Ihle on December 23 and Darsie Flannery on January 18, and those who worked or baked cookies for the Gladys Crawford funeral luncheon on January 1. We appreciate all you do.

From **Helen Ihle** and family to the congregation, Pastor Joel, Ann Copeland, Chaplain Karen Fleming, and Helping Hands for all the prayers, visits, cards, and the beautiful service and luncheon for Joe.

## Easter Music Sunday

Singers are invited to join the Chancel Choir as rehearsals begin for Easter Music Sunday to be held on April 9. In addition to the choir, the program will feature soloists and Inner Light. For more information, contact **Larry Daniel**.

## Casseroles to go

Our fifth Sunday is fast approaching and our cupboards are empty. Please bring your homemade freezable entrée to church on January 29 and place it on the designated table. These entrées will be taken to families experiencing illness or bereavement. This is a tangible way to show God’s love and care to those in need.

## Caregivers Support Group

Caregivers Support Group has grown to as many as 15 caregivers, coming together monthly for lunch, emotional support, new ideas and lots of laughter (tears are allowed too). If you have some responsibility in caring for another adult, please join us for our next meeting on Monday, February 6, at noon in Melvin's Room.

## Relationship Recovery coming

Relationship Recovery is a new 8 - 10 week program made up of friendly caring people who will walk alongside you through a difficult relationship break up. It is for anyone experiencing the loss of relationship through divorce, separation, or major break up. Learn how to heal from the deep hurt of breaking up and discover God's hope and plan for your future. See **Ann Copeland** for more information.

## Wellness workshop

Sheila Agee, RN, HHP, founder and program director of the Natural Path Holistic Health and Warriors of Wellness (WOW) Cancer Program, will host a wellness workshop for those dealing with and recovering from Cancer and those wanting a more healthy lifestyle that decreases the risk for cancer and heart disease.

This workshop will touch on what is cancer and how does it grow; the aspects of prevention, recovery, and maintaining wellness; the role nutrition has on cancer and your ability to defeat it; the importance of stress management, exercise, and reducing toxic burden; and how to implement the non-toxic strategies from the workshop. The workshop includes a green smoothie making demo and sample.

Registration fee is \$10 for the first 30 participants, \$20 thereafter. Register with **Ann Copeland** (513) 257-1725 or by contacting the church office (513) 539-7290.

## World cancer day February 4

Cancer begins when cells in a body part start to

grow out of control. There are many kinds of cancer, but they all start because of out-of-control growth of abnormal cells.

You can reduce your risk of cancer by making healthy choices like eating right, staying active, and not smoking. It's also important to follow recommended screening guidelines which can help detect certain cancers early, even before a person has symptoms..

The American Cancer Society recommends these cancer screening guidelines for most adults which you may want to consider:

*Breast cancer* - mammogram

*Colon & rectal cancer* - flexible sigmoidoscopy, colonoscopy, double contrast barium enema, or a virtual colonoscopy

*Cervical cancer* - PAP Test

*Endometrial cancer* - endometrial biopsy at the time of menopause for some women because of their history. Please consult your health care professional.

*Lung cancer* - an annual low dose CT scan of the chest for those who are at high risk for lung cancer. Please consult your health care professional.

*Prostate cancer* - PSA blood test with or without rectal exam starting at age 50. Men should consult their health care professional to decide whether to be tested.

Take control of your health and help reduce your cancer risk by staying away from tobacco, being safe in the sun, eating healthy with plenty of fruits and vegetables, getting active, maintaining a healthy weight, and limiting alcohol intake. Know yourself, your family history, and your risks. Get regular check ups and cancer screening tests.

## Girlfriends in God

On Sunday nights this winter, BLAZE is offering teen girls, their friends, and any female role-models/mentors a Women's Small Group Bible study, 6:30 – 8:30 PM weekly at Brittany's house.

## FEBRUARY 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>29</b> Casseroles to Go <b>6:30 PM - 8:30 PM</b> Girls Small Group	<b>30</b> <b>6:30 PM</b> Yoga/AH	<b>31</b> <b>10:00 AM</b> Share Group/Parlor <b>6:30 PM</b> Cub Scouts/Sm. FH/Rms 6 & 7	<b>1</b> <b>11:00 AM</b> Yoga/AH Youth Group <b>5:45 PM - 7:00 PM</b> Youth Chancel Choir <b>7:00 PM</b> Rekindled/AH	<b>2</b> <b>6:00 PM - 7:00 PM</b> NA/MR <b>6:30 PM - 7:30 PM</b> Girl Scouts/Small Fellowship Hall	<b>3</b> <b>11:00 AM</b> Yoga/AH	<b>4</b> <b>9:00 AM</b> Men's Breakfast/Atchley Hall
<b>5</b> BOY SCOUT SUNDAY Holy Communion <b>6:30 PM - 8:30 PM</b> Girls Small Group	<b>6</b> <b>12:00 PM</b> Caregivers Support Group/MR <b>6:30 PM</b> Yoga/AH	<b>7</b> <b>9:00 AM - 11:00 AM</b> Clergy Cluster/MR <b>10:00 AM</b> Share Group/Parlor <b>2:00 PM</b> Grief Group/MR <b>6:30 PM</b> Cub Scouts/Sm. FH/Rms 6 & 7 <b>6:30 PM - 8:30 PM</b> Foods That Prevent Cancer/AH <b>7:00 PM</b> Staff Parish Committee/MR	<b>8</b> <b>11:00 AM</b> Yoga/AH Youth Group <b>5:45 PM - 7:00 PM</b> Youth Group <b>7:00 PM</b> Cancer Support Group/Parlor <b>6:30 PM</b> Chancel Choir <b>7:00 PM</b> Rekindled/AH	<b>9</b> <b>6:00 PM - 7:00 PM</b> NA/MR	<b>10</b> <b>11:00 AM</b> Yoga/AH	<b>11</b>
<b>12</b> Blood Pressures taken in the Narthex <b>6:30 PM - 8:30 PM</b> Girls Small Group	<b>13</b> <b>6:30 PM</b> Yoga/AH	<b>14</b> <b>10:00 AM</b> Share Group/Parlor <b>7:00 PM</b> Finance Committee/MR <b>7:00 PM</b> Line Dancing/AH	<b>15</b> <b>11:00 AM</b> Yoga/AH Youth Group <b>5:45 PM - 7:00 PM</b> Youth Rehearsals <b>6:30 PM</b> Youth Sunday <b>7:00 PM</b> Chancel Choir <b>7:00 PM</b> Rekindled/AH	<b>16</b> <b>6:00 PM - 7:00 PM</b> NA/MR <b>6:30 PM - 7:30 PM</b> Girl Scouts/Small Fellowship Hall	<b>17</b> Youth on Fire Youth Conference in Harrison <b>11:00 AM</b> Yoga/AH	<b>18</b> Youth on Fire Youth Conference in Harrison
<b>19</b> Newsletter Deadline <b>6:30 PM - 8:30 PM</b> Girls Small Group <b>6:30 PM - 8:00 PM</b> Youth Small Groups	<b>20</b> <b>6:30 PM</b> Yoga/AH	<b>21</b> <b>10:00 AM</b> Share Group/Parlor <b>6:30 PM</b> Cub Scouts/Sm. FH/Rms 6 & 7 <b>7:00 PM</b> Line Dancing/AH <b>7:00 PM</b> Trustees/MR	<b>22</b> <b>11:00 AM</b> Yoga/AH Youth Group <b>5:45 PM - 7:00 PM</b> Youth Group <b>7:00 PM</b> Chancel Choir <b>7:00 PM</b> Rekindled/AH	<b>23</b> <b>6:00 PM - 7:00 PM</b> NA/MR	<b>24</b> <b>11:00 AM</b> Yoga/AH <b>6:30 PM - 8:30 PM</b> Midwinter Luau/Hornet Haven & Youth/AH	<b>25</b>
<b>26</b> <b>6:30 PM - 8:30 PM</b> Girls Small Group	<b>27</b> <b>6:30 PM</b> Yoga/AH	<b>28</b> <b>10:00 AM</b> Share Group/Parlor <b>6:30 PM</b> Cub Scouts/Sm. FH/Rms 6 & 7 <b>7:00 PM</b> Line Dancing/AH <b>7:00 PM</b> Worship Committee/MR	<b>1</b> <b>Ash Wednesday</b> <b>11:00 AM</b> Yoga/AH <b>7:00 PM</b> Ash Wednesday Worship Service	<b>2</b> <b>10:00 AM</b> Pastor's Bible Study/MR <b>6:00 PM - 7:00 PM</b> NA/MR <b>6:30 PM - 7:30 PM</b> Girl Scouts/Small Fellowship Hall <b>7:00 PM</b> Rekindled/AH <b>7:15 PM</b> Pastor's Bible Study/MR	<b>3</b> <b>11:00 AM</b> Yoga/AH	<b>4</b> <b>9:00 AM</b> Men's Breakfast/Atchley Hall

# February

## February Birthdays

- 3 – Tracie Hunt
- 5 – Melissa Osterman
- 6 – Corrine Price
- 7 – Hannah Dillon  
Hannah Stone
- 8 – Brian Holbrock  
Scott Dillon
- 9 – Donna Constiner **(94 years)**  
Robert Riggs
- 11 – Barbara Conley
- 14 – Karen Williams
- 15 – Josh DeHart  
Zachary Stone
- 16 – George Collins
- 17 – Bob Johnson
- 18 – Phil Lacefield  
Bill Riggs
- 20 – Anthony Handorf
- 21 – Alan Dyke
- 22 – Becky Daniel  
Mike Long  
Phyllis Michael
- 23 – Connie Beckett
- 24 – Bob Heizer
- 26 – Charles Hattery **(95 years)**  
Amy Lindon
- 28 – Almeda McCormick **(92 years)**  
Bob Riggs  
Calvin Sanvee

## February Anniversaries

- 3 – Bill & Donna Whitenack **(66 years)**  
Phil & Jennifer Lacefield
- 7 – Phil & Debby Davis
- 14 – Larry & Becky Daniel  
Shawn & Debbie Gillum
- 20 – Eric & Laura Stoner

### Statistically Speaking. . .

	<u>Attendance</u>	<u>Offering</u>
December 24	240	\$1,951
December 25	71	\$4,214
January 1	110	\$6,270
January 8	238	\$7,470



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



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