

The Monroe Doctrine



June 2017

A Giant Leap Of Faith



It has been on my heart since I came here to Monroe UMC that we, as a church, need a Mission Project that is very local and ongoing. It is my deep

belief that we need to be involved in making folks' lives better in a way that is systemic, deep-reaching, heart-warming, and soul-transforming. Furthermore, it is my belief that we need to do this over the long haul, so we know the names of the people with whom we work and know their lives and they know us.

Like many of you, I have been involved in Missions work where we write checks and folks are helped. I have also been involved in Missions work where we travel into a place, help for a period of time and never go back. Those are useful and God blesses those experiences. There is no doubt about that.

But, there is something very, very different about a commitment to a specific people and place over a long time. We get to know folks. Our hearts break for them. We might even get mad because of what a few do to take advantage of others. We might feel a lot of things. We might even fall in love with a neighborhood and come to love the residents there. God might even do more in *us*

than what we do with them.

So, after much careful planning, we have found a way to be in partnership with the Amanda UMC in the Amanda neighborhood on (and just off) Oxford State Road. We will begin with a Vacation Bible School for the kids in that neighborhood that will be located at the Amanda UMC and maybe over at the Amanda Elementary playground as well. Then, in the fall, we will be involved in a tutoring-based program for the children who attend the Amanda Elementary School. **Gina Craft**, our Director of Children's Ministries, will be leading this work with the children of Amanda, but it's going to require a lot of us to pitch in as well.

Be clear, my friends, this will not happen with only a few people involved. This will need a village of us to make this happen. Please pray about how *you* can get involved in changing the lives of the children in the Amanda neighborhood!

Grace & Peace,

June Worship scheduled

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| 4 | "Big 10"
Pentecost | Exodus 20:1-21 |
| 11 | Ann Copeland preaching | |
| 18 | "Big 10: Only One God"
Fathers Day | Exodus 20:1-21 |
| 25 | "Big 10: Idolatry" | Exodus 20:1-21 |

Vacation Bible School 2017



Imagine a world where curious kids become hands-on inventors who discover they're lovingly crafted by God. Join us for Maker Fun Factory Vacation Bible School Sunday,

July 9, through Thursday, July 13, from 6:30 – 8:45 PM at Monroe United Methodist Church. The event, for potty-trained 3-year-olds through 6th grade, is presented by Monroe United Methodist Church and Our Lady of Sorrows Catholic Church. You can register your child or volunteer to help on line at monroeumc.org or contact **Gina Craft** at gmatcraft@gmail.com or 937-514-3793.

Local outreach opportunity

This summer and fall, Monroe UMC will be partnering with Amanda UMC to serve children in the Amanda Elementary School area with a Vacation Bible School in August and an after-school tutoring program beginning in September, both at the Amanda church. For more information contact **Gina Craft**.

Emmaus Walks scheduled

The Northern Lights Emmaus board has announced their 2017 Walk schedule. A Men's Walk is tentatively scheduled for October 27 – 29 at Christ UMC in Middletown and a Women's Walk for November 9 – 12 at First Baptist Church in Mason. Both are subject to confirmation. If you're interested in going on the Walk, see **Anne** or **Jerry Lapham**.

Good Fellowship

Good Fellowship meets on Tuesday, June 6, at 6:00 PM in Atchley Hall. This will be a Grill-Out themed dinner, so please plan your side dishes and desserts accordingly. As always, everyone is invited as we gather once more before our summer break. A member from Monroe's Fire

Department will be on hand to speak about fire safety and precautions during the summer months. Please remember to bring your side dishes and desserts to share--it is always better to have plenty of leftovers than to not have enough. Don't forget your plates and silver/plastic ware. Contact **Andy Garitson** with any questions at 513-801-0261.

Casseroles needed

Unfortunately, our fifth Sunday casserole drive on April 30 did not generate many entrées to add to our freezer. We have had several significant needs of church members in the recent weeks so our freezer is empty. Please bring a freezable entrée to church during the morning worship time during the month of June and leave it on the table in the narthex so we may continue to respond to those in need. To donate a casserole at another time, please see **Ann Copeland**.

"Green Cleaning" workshop

Jodi Blacklidge from Wright State University, returns to MUMC on June 12 for a workshop on "Green Cleaning." Green cleaning refers to cleaning products with environmentally friendly ingredients that preserve human health and the environment. Many store-bought cleaners are made up of harsh cocktails of chemicals, which can be bad for your health, your children's health, and the environment. By using environmentally friendly, non-toxic cleaners you can have a healthier home, a purer environment, safer products, better air quality, and save money. Join us from 7:00 - 8:30 PM to make your own "green" cleaner. Cost will be \$5.00 for supplies. While reservations are not required, it helps to have a general idea of the amount of supplies needed. Please See **Ann Copeland** for more information or if you would like to attend.

Mental health program

Do you have a loved one with a mental illness? You are not alone. The National Alliance on Mental Health (NAMI) will present a free 12-week education program for friends and family of

those struggling with mental health issues. The first session is Tuesday, June 6, from 6:30 - 8:30 PM in Melvin's room. Topics include basics of brain biology and brain disorders; what it's like to suffer from mental illness; getting through a crisis; coping skills; communication skills; locating services and support; the latest medications and therapies; and helping your loved ones without enabling them. Call 513-860-8386 or email info@nami-bc.org to register. Brochures about this program are in the narthex. See **Ann Copeland** if you need more information.

Visitation team

If you have two hours a month to spend serving our Lord, we need you. A church visitation team is forming to visit new members, recent visitors, and church prospects. Training is provided. If you want to make new friends for Christ and help our church grow, please see **Ann Copeland**.

Grief Support Group

Our Journey Through Grief Support Group for those who have lost a loved one will be held in the parlor on Tuesday, June 13, from 3:00 – 4:00 PM. This group is for anyone in our church and community who has lost a loved one whether recently or long ago. Come join us as we walk this journey together to find hope and healing in the promises of God and the companionship of those who understand your broken heart. See **Ann Copeland** for questions.

Call your Pastor when...

...you're going into the hospital even if you don't want a pastoral visit ... the pastoral staff can still pray for you

...you're facing surgery (even if it's minor)

...you're not able to attend church for more than a month

...you have a question or concern about something at church

...you've experienced a loss

...you're having difficulty adjusting

...you're worried about something

...you feel lonely

...you're afraid

...you feel alienated from family and friends

...you have spiritual questions or doubts

...you have something you need to talk about in confidence

...you're trying to find meaning and purpose in your life

...you'd like to do a spiritual life review

...you'd like to join a faith community

...you desire to be in a relationship with God

Caregivers Support Group

Our monthly Caregivers Support Group will be held Monday, June 5, at noon in Melvin's Room. If you help care for another adult in your own home or elsewhere, please join us for lunch, laughter and support as we travel this, sometimes difficult, journey together.

Wear Red On Pentecost

It is an ancient tradition that we are inviting you to join. Wear red on June 4 for Pentecost Sunday. For Christians, this is the day the Holy Spirit came upon the Disciples with the rush of a mighty wind and tongues of fire resting upon each of their heads. They spoke in languages they didn't know and shared the story of the redemptive work of Jesus with the multi-cultural, multi-lingual group who had gathered in Jerusalem for the Passover and stayed (as was the custom) through to Pentecost (50 days after Passover). So, let's join in the festivities and wear red that day to celebrate.

Annual Conference

Once again, Pastor Joel will spend part of a week, June 4 – 7, at Lakeside, Ohio, as he attends the annual gathering of clergy and laity from across

West Ohio Conference to worship, pray, learn, deal with legislation, and renew friendships from across the years.

Monroe UMC Staffing Needs

We're still looking for a permanent Worship Leader. If you or someone you know is interested, send a resume to monroeumc@cinci.rr.com.

Go To Camp With Pastor Joel

Again this year, Pastor Joel invites all kids from age 8 through 6th grade to go to camp with him at Camp Otterbein from June 18 - 23. If you have not yet made arrangements, contact Pastor Joel as soon as you can. Never let money be an obstacle for you. Email pastorjoel@swohio.twcbc.com or phone 740-331-5283.

Monrovers next adventure



Pastor Joel's *Monrovers* adventure group is offering three special adventure trips this year.

Unfortunately, the April 29 spring outing was washed out. For

our next event we're heading to the New River in West Virginia for a whitewater rafting trip on Friday and Saturday, July 21 and 22. On Friday, we'll gather at Monroe UMC at 3:00 PM, load into vehicles, and travel to the River Expeditions base camp near Oak Hill, WV. We'll eat on the way, bunk down in rustic cabins at their base camp, and end the night with a campfire, songs, prayers, snacks, and some stories. We'll start the next morning with breakfast and hit the New River early. After we get off the river, we'll grab a hot lunch and head for home. In the fall, we go on a Rock-Climbing Trip in the Hocking Hills on Friday and Saturday, October 13 and 14.

One Way Farm drive

The One Way Farm Children's Home is a non-profit organization that cares for abused, abandoned, neglected, and disabled youth. It's

located in Fairfield, Ohio. Their website is www.onewayfarm.org. The Farm has a Thrift Store that is open to the public and helps support the children through funds and job opportunities. The store has clothing, furniture, knick-knacks, linens, book, electronics, seasonal items, toys, decor, jewelry, pictures, small appliances, and more. We will be collecting items to donate to the thrift store on Saturday, June 24, from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM behind Atchley Hall. If you have questions or would like to assist, please contact **Karen Walz** at 513-313-3342.

Men's Breakfast

The Men's Breakfast Group will take a summer break during June, July, and August.

Thank you

From **Helping Hands** to all those who donated food or worked at the Lenora Housh funeral luncheon on April 30. Everything was greatly appreciated.

Lakeside for Youth



If your student is entering 9th grade through graduating 12th grade this year, they are invited and we would love to have them at Lakeside for Youth. We will be attending Senior High Week 1, June 17 – 24. The cost is \$350. Please register immediately at lakesideforyouth.com.

If your student is entering 6th through leaving 8th grades, they are invited to Lakeside for Youth, Junior High Week, July 3 – 7. The cost is \$300. Please register at lakesideforyouth.com.

Mission Trip to Harlan, KY

All team members, please plan to attend our mandatory pre-trip meeting on Sunday, June 4, from 5 – 7 PM. Our team leader, Deb Arce, will be here to discuss the July 8 – 15 trip. Spaces are still available, but you must attend the entire time and have your own transportation. Contact **Brittany Gould** to sign up. Currently, 13 from our church have signed up and around 40 from Deb's church in Findlay.

JUNE 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28 Annual Conference at Lakeside Begins Holy Communion 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM Mission Trip Meeting	29  Memorial Day Observed Church Office Closed	30 10:00 AM Share Group/Parlor 7:00 PM Line Dancing/AH Committee/MR	31 11:00 AM Yoga/AH 7:00 PM Rekindled/AH	1 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM NAM/MR	2 11:00 AM Yoga/AH	3
4 Annual Conference at Lakeside Begins Holy Communion 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM Mission Trip Meeting	5 12:00 PM Caregivers Support Group/MR 6:30 PM Yoga/AH 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM Boy Scouts/Sm. FH, Classrooms, AH	6 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM Clergy Cluster/MR 10:00 AM Share Group/Parlor 6:00 PM Good Fellowship Dinner/AH 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM NAM/Parlor	7 Annual Conference at Lakeside Ends 11:00 AM Yoga/AH 7:00 PM Rekindled/AH	8 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM NAM/MR	9 11:00 AM Yoga/AH	10
11 Blood Pressures taken in the Narthex	12 6:30 PM Yoga/AH 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM Boy Scouts/Sm. FH, Classrooms, AH	13 10:00 AM Share Group/Parlor 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM NAM/Parlor 7:00 PM Finance Committee/MR 7:30 PM Line Dancing/AH	14 11:00 AM Yoga/AH 7:00 PM Rekindled/AH	15 12:00 PM UMW at Christholm House in Trenton 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM NAM/MR	16 11:00 AM Yoga/AH	17 Sr. High Leave for Lakeside
18	19 6:30 PM Yoga/AH 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM Boy Scouts/Sm. FH, Classrooms, AH	20 10:00 AM Share Group/Parlor 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM NAM/Parlor 7:00 PM Line Dancing/AH 7:00 PM Trustees/MR	 21 11:00 AM Yoga/AH 7:00 PM Rekindled/AH	22 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM NAM/MR	23 11:00 AM Yoga/AH	24 Sr. High Return from Lakeside 12:00 PM - 7:00 PM Birthday Party/Angie Stone/AH & Picnic Shelter
25 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM Ed MacDonald/Baby Shower/AH	26 6:30 PM Yoga/AH 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM Boy Scouts/Sm. FH, Classrooms, AH	27 10:00 AM Share Group/Parlor 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM NAM/Parlor 7:00 PM Administrative Council/MR 7:00 PM Line Dancing/AH	28 11:00 AM Yoga/AH 7:00 PM Rekindled/AH	29 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM NAM/MR	30 11:00 AM Yoga/AH	1



June Birthdays

- 1 – Violet Casky
Debbie Kistner
- 2 – Allison Handorf
Elizabeth Handorf
Bob Majors
Toni McDonough
- 3 – Gladys Garrett **(97 years)**
Linda Beckett
- 5 – Tula Hamilton
- 8 – Wendy Harbarger
- 10 – Eugene Ezell **(94 years)**
Marc Thompson
Chuck Garitson
- 11 – Carly Benken
Jacob Benken
Tyler Benken
Barbara Fohl
- 12 – Gene Williams
- 13 – Linda Kobert
Phyllis Ezell
- 14 – Cassandra Daniel
- 19 – Lori Rhoads
- 21 – Bentley Stone
- 22 – Leanne Kniffen
- 25 – Alma Fleming
- 26 – Dennis Majors
- 29 – Rev. Joel Harbarger
April Aumann
Craig Hesson

June Anniversaries

- 1 – Lori & Ken Rhoads
- 2 – Frances & Walter Reed
- 4 – Toni & Steve McDonough
- 6 – Barbara & Bob Riggs
- 9 - Brian & Nikki Alexander
- 11 – Debbie & Jeffrey Brookshire
- 14 – Connie & Brian Wesner
- 15 – Barbara & Richard Fohl **(60 years)**
- 16 – Betty & Steve Gilby **(55 years)**
Brenda & Richard Holden
Angie & Tommy Stone
- 17 – Jan & Mike Bresnahan
- 19 - Dave & Karen Walz
- 20 – Debbie & Roger Kistner
- 21 – Matt & Ashley Gould
- 22 – Paula & Jamie Pierce
- 28 – Maribeth & Skip Weaver
Holly & Greg Stevens
- 29 – Ellen & John Osterman **(60 years)**

Statistics

	<u>Attendance</u>	<u>Offering</u>
4/16	279	\$3,821
4/23	224	\$3,949
4/30	225	\$10,241
5/7	246	\$8,402
5/14	230	\$4,858



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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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