

# The Monroe Doctrine



May 2017

## Heartwarming thoughts



When we think of May, most of us think of Mothers' Day and Memorial Day. Today, some may think of "Birdies For Blaze," our golf outing fund-raiser for youth mission trips. But few of us think of Aldersgate Day, the day that

sparked the whole Methodist movement. This year we celebrate it on the same Sunday as "Birdies For Blaze."

The holiday/holy day we celebrate as Aldersgate Day had its beginning on May 24, 1738, when Methodism founder John Wesley experienced a confirmation of his salvation. John was a preacher's kid, raised in the Church, well-tutored in the faith by his mother, Susannah, educated in the best schools in England, and ordained as an Anglican clergy. But he struggled in his faith and doubted his own salvation. He had experienced failures in his ministry and personal life. He despaired for his own soul. As he describes it in his journal:

"In the evening I went very unwillingly to a society in Aldersgate Street, where one was reading Luther's preface to the Epistle to the Romans. About a quarter before nine, while he was describing the change which God works in the heart through faith in Christ, I felt my heart strangely warmed. I felt I did trust in Christ, Christ alone, for salvation; and an assurance was given me that **He had taken away my sins, even**

**mine**, and saved me from the law of sin and death."

You see, John Wesley had preached that Christ would take away folks' sins, but somehow, he never believe it for himself. But after that evening, John understood that the salvation message was for him, too. And, in so doing, he found his heart "strangely warmed." Hallelujah!

So, my friends, while treating your mother to a special day and burning some burgers on the grill this month, I challenge you to examine your own heart and to search out whether you have the same assurance that Mr. Wesley found on that late May evening at the church meeting on Aldersgate Street. Do you? If not, seek it and you may find your own heart "strangely warmed."

I'm praying for you. Please pray for me!

Grace and Peace,

## May Worship Schedule

7	"I Am The Gate" <b>Senior Sunday (9:30)</b>	John 10:1-10
14	"I Am The Way ..." <b>Mother's Day</b>	John 14"1-14
21	DS Rev. Todd Anderson Preaching <b>Aldersgate Sunday</b>	
28	"I've Heard" <b>Memorial Day</b>	Eph 1:15-23

## Light the Way campaign

For many years, the West Ohio Conference has offered us opportunities to get involved in a significant undertaking we could never do on our own. One year we helped buy an airplane for “Wings Of The Morning,” the aviation ministry in the Democratic Republic of the Congo. We have just finished the “Imagine No Malaria” campaign to cut the rate of malaria infection in the world in half, saving thousands of children’s lives. West Ohio Conference was one of the contributors.

This year, Bishop Palmer asks the conference to raise at least \$200,000 to help start new local churches. At Annual Conference, local churches will deliver their checks for the funds they’ve raised. If you would like to be a part of this, mark “Light the Way” on your check or envelope.

## Thank you

From **Helping Hands** to all who donated food or worked at the Bob Garver funeral luncheon on May 31 and the Mary Jane Conrad funeral luncheon on April 7. We really appreciate all you do. Mary Jane was a devoted member of Helping Hands, always asking “What can I do to help?”

## Monrovers next adventure

Pastor Joel’s *Monrovers* adventure group is offering three special adventure trips this year. For the Spring, there was a Paddle Trip on the Little Miami River on Saturday, April 29. 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.

## Birdies for Blaze Golf Outing

Don’t forget to grab 3 of your best golfing buddies and come join us on Sunday, May 21, for our Blaze Youth Group Missions fund-raising event, the 4th annual “Fore Heaven’s Sake – Birdies for Blaze” Golf Outing at Wildwood Golf Club in Middletown. Registration begins at 11:30 AM with a shotgun start at 1:30 PM. Net proceeds will support the Blaze Youth Group’s July mission trip to eastern Appalachia.

The contribution for a foursomes is \$300. If you are not a golfer, check the welcome stations for event flyers detailing sponsorship opportunities. For questions, contact **Bob Riggs** at (513) 907-4130. Payments are due by April 30. Make out your check to Monroe United Methodist Church and send it to Bob Riggs, 133 Ewing Drive Unit B, Fairfield, Ohio 45014.

## Caregivers Support Group

Our Caregivers Support Group Lunch meeting will be Monday, May 1, noon – 1:30 PM in Melvin's Room. If you help care for another adult in your home or elsewhere, you are a caregiver. Join us for practical ideas and emotional support.

## Grief Support Group

Are you going through a season of grief and loss? Do you feel alone in your struggle and want to find hope at the end of the tunnel? Our Journey Through Grief Support Group for those who have lost a loved one will be held in the parlor on Tuesday, May 9, 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.

## Free Bibles!

We’ve recently had a large donation of hardback Bibles (KJV). If you’d like one or more, see **Ann Copeland**.

## 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 are interested in making new friends for Christ, please see **Ann Copeland**.

## Casseroles To Go

Our fifth Sunday casserole drive is April 30. Please bring your freezable entrée and place it on the designated table. They are used for those recovering from serious illness or recent loss of a loved one. To donate a casserole at another time, please see **Ann Copeland**.

## 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 the loved ones 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](mailto:info@nami-bc.org) to register. See **Ann Copeland** if you need more information.

## Men's breakfast

The next Men's Breakfast will be on Saturday, May 6, at 9:00 AM in Atchley Hall.

## Cross and Flame sign

The trustees have approved a request to install a back lighted Cross and Flame sign on the sanctuary facing East Ave. The Cross and Flame insignia is a universal sign of The United Methodist Church that is recognized world wide. The sign installed will cost about \$1800. Donations may be made to the church, designated

to be used for the Cross and Flame project. Having the sign back lighted would make it visible 24 hours a day.

## IHN at UMW

Linda Rabolt of the Interfaith Hospitality Network will speak to the Monroe United Methodist Women's meeting at the Conley home, Thursday, May 18, at 1:00 PM. Devotions will be by **Wendy Harbarger**; hostesses are **Barb Conley** and **Ellen Osterman**. Please bring diapers, especially sizes 4, 5, and 6.

## Want to join MUMC?

We will be having Monroe 101 on Sunday, May 7, at 3:00 PM or Wednesday, May 10, 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, May 14.

## 9:30 Worship Leader

While **Brittany Gould** is doing a great job as "Interim Worship Leader," we are *still* looking for 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).

## Save the date

Our "Maker Fun Factory" Vacation Bible School will be held Sunday, July 9, through Thursday, July 13, this year.

## Graduation Sunday

Please plan to attend the 9:30 service on Sunday, May 7, for a recognition video, time of prayer, and short reception for our 2017 graduates.

## Good Fellowship

Songs by Chuck Garitson will be featured at the May meeting of Good Fellowship, Tuesday, May 2, at 6:00 PM in Atchley Hall. Please bring a covered dish or dessert to share and your own tableware. Next month we'll have a grill-out.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>30</b> Casseroles to Go	<b>1</b> 12:00 PM Caregivers Support Group/MR 3:00 PM Grief Group/Parlor 6:30 PM Yoga/AH 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM Boy Scouts/Sm. FH, Classrooms, AH	<b>2</b> 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM Clergy Cluster/MR 10:00 AM Share Group/Parlor 6:00 PM Good Fellowship Dinner/AH 6:30 PM Cub Scouts/Sm. FH/Rms 6 & 7 7:00 PM Congregational Health Team/Parlor	<b>3</b> 11:00 AM Yoga/AH 7:00 PM Chancel Choir 7:00 PM Rekindled/AH	<b>4</b> 10:00 AM Pastor's Bible Study/MR 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM NAMR 6:30 PM - 7:30 PM Girl Scouts/Small Fellowship Hall 7:15 PM Pastor's Bible Study/MR	<b>5</b> 11:00 AM Yoga/AH	<b>6</b> 9:00 AM Men's Breakfast/Atchley Hall
<b>7</b> GRADUATE SUNDAY Holy Communion 3:00 PM Monroe 101/MR 6:30 PM - 8:30 PM Girls Small Groups at Brittany's	<b>8</b> 6:30 PM Yoga/AH 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM Boy Scouts/Sm. FH, Classrooms, AH 7:00 PM Mission/S.A.I.L. Committee/MR	<b>9</b> 10:00 AM Share Group/Parlor 6:00 PM Good Fellowship/AH 7:00 PM Finance Committee/MR 7:00 PM Line Dancing/AH	<b>10</b> 11:00 AM Yoga/AH 7:00 PM Chancel Choir 7:00 PM Monroe 101/MR 7:00 PM Rekindled/AH	<b>11</b> 10:00 AM Pastor's Bible Study/MR 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM NAMR 7:15 PM Pastor's Bible Study/MR	<b>12</b> 11:00 AM Yoga/AH	<b>13</b>
<b>14</b> Blood Pressures taken in the Narthex <b>Mother's Day</b>	<b>15</b> 6:30 PM Yoga/AH 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM Boy Scouts/Sm. FH, Classrooms, AH	<b>16</b> 10:00 AM Share Group/Parlor 6:30 PM Cub Scouts/Sm. FH/Rms 6 & 7 7:00 PM Line Dancing/AH 7:00 PM Trustees/MR	<b>17</b> 11:00 AM Yoga/AH 7:00 PM Chancel Choir 7:00 PM Rekindled/AH	<b>18</b> 1:00 PM UMW at Barb Conley's 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM NAMR 6:30 PM - 7:30 PM Girl Scouts/Small Fellowship Hall	<b>19</b> 11:00 AM Yoga/AH	<b>20</b>
<b>21</b> Newsletter Deadline 1:30 PM Birdies for Blaze Golf Outing at Wildwood Golf Club	<b>22</b> 6:30 PM Yoga/AH 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM Boy Scouts/Sm. FH, Classrooms, AH	<b>23</b> 10:00 AM Share Group/Parlor 6:30 PM Cub Scouts/Sm. FH/Rms 6 & 7 7:00 PM Line Dancing/AH	<b>24</b> 11:00 AM Yoga/AH 7:00 PM Chancel Choir 7:00 PM Rekindled/AH	<b>25</b> 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM NAMR	<b>26</b> 11:00 AM Yoga/AH	<b>27</b> 5:00 PM - 9:00 PM Skip Weaver/Graduation Party/AH
<b>28</b>	<b>29</b> Church Office Closed <b>Memorial Day Observed</b>	<b>30</b> 10:00 AM Share Group/Parlor 7:00 PM Line Dancing/AH 7:00 PM Worship Committee/MR	<b>31</b> 11:00 AM Yoga/AH 7:00 PM Rekindled/AH	<b>1</b> 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM NAMR	<b>2</b> 11:00 AM Yoga/AH	<b>3</b>



May  
Birthdays

- 1 – Arlene Horton
- 2 – Sharon Warmoth  
Melanie Flower  
Jenny DeBord
- 3 – Lynne Alleman
- 5 – Ed MacDonald  
Monica Elliott  
Nikki Alexander
- 7 – Andy Garitson  
Olivia Fields  
Matthew Gould
- 9 – Eric Thompson
- 11 – Hannah Brookshire  
Remy Bowman
- 12 – Larry Daniel  
Marty Brown  
Peggy Hesson
- 13 – Patrick Schlamb  
Matthew Fink
- 19 – Annette Drake
- 20 – Rob Kilburn
- 22 - Joann Kersh
- 24 – Brittany Gould  
Paula Holman  
Phil Curlis
- 26 – Monica Bolton
- 27 – Sara Hicks
- 28 – Reed Musgrove  
Jennifer Lacefield  
Ryan Copeland
- 29 – Rick Drake
- 31 – Emily Essig  
Giselle Sanvee

May  
Anniversaries

- 4 – Tracy & Ty Yalich
- 11 – Phyllis & Jerry Michael
- 17 – Sarah & Kyle Kilburn
- 23 – Monica & Dillis Bolton
- 24 – Anne & Jerry Lapham
- 26 – Marian & Charles Hattery **(66 years)**
- 28 – Giselle & David Sanvee
- 31 - Herb & Ginny Gansheimer **(54 years)**

<u>Statistics</u>		
	<u>Attendance</u>	<u>Offering</u>
March 19	230	\$6,718
March 26	205	\$3,588
April 2	251	\$9,471
April 9	248	\$5,778



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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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