

The Monroe Doctrine



September 2017

Be My Witnesses ...



At the beginning of the Book of Acts, Luke records this final scene of Jesus with the Disciples.

Then they gathered around him and asked him, “Lord, are you at this time going to restore the kingdom to Israel?” [Jesus] said to them: “It is not for you to know the times or dates the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.” After he said this, he was taken up before their very eyes, and a cloud hid him from their sight.

Jesus called the Disciples and, by extension, us to be His witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria and to the ends of the earth. What does that mean? It’s a topic that has been bandied about by the scholars for millennia, but the overwhelming consensus is something like this.

We are to be witnesses to those who know us best and see us most (neighbors, home town, family, and friends) as that is our Jerusalem. We are to be witnesses to those in our region (Judea) and even to those with whom we are uncomfortable or hate (Samaria). And we are to witness to complete strangers, whether here or elsewhere, maybe far, far away.

So, to put this in context, we are to be witnesses in our household, at our workplace, in our neighborhood and community. We are to be witnesses in the greater Monroe area (Trenton,

Middletown, Franklin, West Chester, etc.), with people who scare us or seem to be outside of our “service area” (Amanda?), and then to the ends of the earth (this year, that might be the Texas coastal areas).

Some have asked why we are getting involved in the Amanda area. I have a couple of answers. The first is that we have a blighted area within easy reach of our church. It is an area that is *not* being serviced by many people and God’s grace needs to be felt there. We can bemoan the heroin epidemic and what it is doing to our area from now until the cows come home or... we can do something about it. I opt for doing something about it. Secondly, I believe in the depths of my heart that the Holy Spirit is drawing us there and that we can be a force for positive change in the area. What if, by starting with the youngest and most moldable in that neighborhood, we were able to completely change the Amanda neighborhood back into being a safe, pleasant, working-class neighborhood again? What if, by investing some time and talent and maybe even a little money, we were able to change the lives of some children so they had hope, a vision of finishing school and getting a productive job, and maybe raising up a generation of community-changers?

Doesn’t that sound like the Gospel with flesh on it? I think we can be Christ for the families of Amanda, and I hope you will pray about what you can do to make that happen.

Grace & Peace,

September Worship Schedule

3	"Take Up Your Cross"	Mt 16:21-28
10	Pastor Ann Copeland Preaches	
17	"Not Just 490 Times!"	Mt 18:21-35
24	"First Last, Last First"	Mt 20:1-16

Men's Breakfast

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

Good Fellowship

Good Fellowship will meet at 6:00 PM on Tuesday, September 5, in Atchley Hall. Please bring a hot dish, salad, or dessert to share and your own table service.

Hornet pre-game meal

The Monroe Hornet football team and cheerleaders pre-game meal will be served at our church on Friday, September 29. Anyone wanting to contribute to the cost of a meal for around 100 students, please see **Ellen Osterman** or **Jane Majors**. The kids really appreciate the meal each year.

Nut and candy sale

The Monroe United Methodist Women will be taking nut and candy orders for their annual sale. Please complete the order form included in the this newsletter or in the weekly bulletins. They are also available from **Jane Majors**, **Pam Kilburn**, **Helen Ihle**, or **Toni McDonough**. Completed order forms must be returned along with your check to one of the ladies mentioned above by October 1. Make checks payable to Monroe UMW. Shipment is expected in plenty of time for your holiday baking and gift giving.

Thank you for supporting the sale and also the upcoming Election Day Luncheon on November 7. The proceeds from these two projects allow us to continue God's work. Our most recent project is a new stove for the Atchely Hall kitchen.

Where do we go from here?

There comes a time for an organization to pause and assess where we are, where we need to be, and how do we get there? To do this we organized 12 Focus Groups at various times, dates, and locations to get your input. ***If you haven't already, please contact a host and sign up to attend one of the remaining groups. We need your help.***

Date	Time	Host	Phone
Thursday 9/7	7:00 PM	Judy Halsey	513-539-8530
Wednesday 9/13	7:00 PM	Paula Barricklow	513-895-3927
Wednesday 9/20	2:00 PM	Ellen Osterman	513-539-8896
Wednesday 9/20	7:00 PM	Holly Stevens	513-967-3180

Bicentennial Tent Revival



As part of Monroe's Bicentennial Celebration, we will be hosting a "Tent Revival and Picnic On The Grounds" on Sunday, September 24, beginning at 4:00 PM. We'll have a large

tent set up on the field behind the church with a singing group in period costumes, playing period style instruments, and singing songs and hymns of the 1817 era. **Pastor Joel**, dressed as a Circuit Rider, will preach a sermon reminiscent of that era from the back of a buggy. Afterward, we'll spread out over the field for a picnic supper. Invite some friends, make a picnic, and come and enjoy this unique way of reaching out to our community with fun and the Gospel.

Children's Sunday School

September Lesson Series: Judges and Kings

- 3 Hannah Prays
- 10 Bell Practice; God Calls Samuel
- 17 Bell Practice; Samuel Anoints Saul
- 24 Bell Practice, Samuel Anoints David

The offering this month is for elementary-sized scissors. Flames of Faith is asking for donations to purchase scissors for our 4th - 6th grade class.

Children's Bell Choir



All children age appropriate for Sunday school are welcome to participate in the Children's Bell Choir led by **Sandy Curlis**. Practice will be during Sunday School in Becky's

Room beginning September 10. To ensure children receive breakfast, donuts and milk will be provided during the lesson video in the Movie Flames of Faith Room directly after. Our first performance will be Sunday, October 8, during the 9:30 service and at the beginning of the 10:45 service. Performance dates for a Mt. Pleasant afternoon service and the Historical Society Christmas Celebration will be announced later.

Movie Night and Lock-in



Friday, September 22, is the date for our PreK- 3rd grade fall Movie Night and Lock-in. It's the lil' kiddo's turn to "rough it" in Atchley Hall; it's only fair since the big kids had a lock-in

last spring. Staying overnight is an option, but a parent must stay with children under 5. If you decide to stay, please bring a sleeping bag (or blanket) and a pillow. The movie will start at 6:30 PM followed by games and a snack. At 8:00 AM Saturday, **Ms. Justine** will be serving up a pancake breakfast. Parents pick up children at 8:30 AM. To register, please contact **Gina Craft** at gmatcraft@gmail.com or 937-514-3793.

Help "Light the Way"

Being part of Slinky Tutoring is a great way to give back. On Wednesdays, between 4 and 5:30, beginning September 13, some of the children at

Amanda Elementary (directly across the street) will get the extra help they need. Please come serve an after-school snack, motivate them to do their homework, or practice reading and math skills with them. The relationships/connections you make will be invaluable.

Back by popular demand

On October 24, from 7:00 - 8:30 PM in Melvin's Room, Jodi Blacklidge, from Wright State University, will present a repeat of "Healing Oils of the Bible." This free seminar will include the newest, most up-to-date information about how essential oils can benefit your health.

Caregivers Support Group

Our Caregivers Support Group meeting and luncheon will be held in Melvin's Room at noon on *Tuesday*, September 5, due to the Labor Day holiday.

Primetime Health Seminar

Whether you are in your 30s, 40s or are over 50, Prime Time Health is a scientifically-proven plan for healthy aging taught by a certified coach through four interactive workshops which include up-to-date health information, hands-on activities, Power Point presentations, workbooks, and healthy snacks and recipes. Developed by the Dr. Sears Wellness Institute, Prime Time Health covers topics such as how the body changes during prime time; ways to boost energy, reduce stress, and sleep better; ways to reduce the risk of cancer, high blood pressure, high blood sugar, and high cholesterol; as well as how to become more fit, strong and flexible. Dr. William Sears says, "Prime Time Health teaches how to add years to your life and life to your years." The seminar will meet on Monday evenings, September 11, 18, 25, and October 2, 7:00 - 8:30 in Melvin's room. Cost will be \$30 if registered by September 1 and \$35 after September 1. Registration cost covers Prime Time Health book, workbooks, snacks, and materials. To register, please see **Ann Copeland** or call the church office.

Monrovers Next Adventure



This fall we go on a Rock-Climbing Trip in the Hocking Hills on Friday and Saturday, October 13 and 14. We will meet at Monroe UMC at 5:00 PM, grab a quick bite at church, and then head for the hills. (Hocking Hills, that is.)

We'll spend the night in cabins at Camp Otterbein (one of our West Ohio UM Camps) and have a campfire, prayers, songs, stories and snacks. Then, the next morning, we'll have a hearty breakfast, pack trail lunches, and head for the rocks to spend the day climbing. When we're all done, we'll head home straight from the cliffs.

Staff hirings are complete

Your Staff Parish Relations Committee has been busy in the last eight months. It started with our Director of Children's Ministries, Kelly Waugh, leaving to serve with her husband, Rev. Tim Waugh, at Faith Community UMC. We were blessed to find **Gina Craft** who has done an amazing job in that position!

Our next task was to fill the Contemporary Worship Leader position so ably filled by **Chuck Garitson** for some 16 years, but who needed to take a break. **Brittany Gould** filled the position on an interim basis, then we were blessed to find **Stephanie Fleming** to be our Contemporary Worship Leader. Although it has only been a few weeks, she is doing a fantastic job.

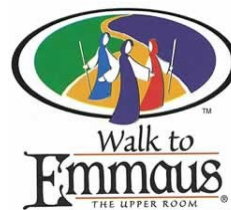
Our most recent task has been to find a Director of Youth Ministries to follow Brittany as she leaves us for a full-time position and a new marriage. We interviewed six or seven individuals from as near as Monroe and Franklin to as far as Oregon and Pittsburgh. We were pleased with a couple of those candidates and made offers which they turned down. However, one of our candidates came to us with 17 years of Youth Ministry experience and some 36 years of experience working in the church. He has agreed to serve as our Interim Director of Youth

Ministries for at least a year. That person is **Pastor Joel**. Starting now, Pastor Joel will be both Senior Pastor and Interim Director of Youth Ministries. He is excited about "coming back home" to Youth Ministry and already knows and loves our teenagers. He will be looking for other adults to come alongside him and help lead our youth in coming to faith, growing in their faith, and sharing that faith with others. If you are interested in being involved in our Youth Ministry, speak to Pastor Joel. Thank you for your prayerful support.

Adult Handbells

The handbells have been quiet for a year. Time to bring back the JuBellation Ringers and enhance the traditional worship service with the beautiful sound of the bells. We are looking for people, men and women, ages 16 and up who would like to ring. No previous experience is necessary and you don't have to read music. You do have to like to have fun! We will have a workshop/practice on Wednesday, September 20, at 6:00 PM. We will show you what is involved in ringing handbells and start practicing some simple pieces. If you have questions, contact **Sandy Curlis** at 513-320-0849 or email slcurlis@gmail.com. Let's not let the hand bells be silent for another year.

Emmaus Walks confirmed






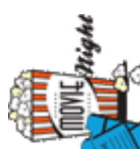



The Northern Lights Emmaus board has confirmed their 2017 Walk schedule. A Men's Walk will be held November 2 – 5 at Camp Lebanon and a Women's Walk November 9 – 12 at First Baptist Church in Mason. If you're interested in going on the Walk, see **Anne** or **Jerry Lapham** or one of the more than 100 from our church who've been on the Walk.

Chancel Choir resumes

New and returning members of the chancel choir are invited to our Wednesday night rehearsals at 7:00 PM, beginning the Wednesday after Labor Day.

SEPTEMBER 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
27 	28 6:30 PM Yoga/AH 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM Boy Scouts/Sm. FH, Classrooms, AH	29 10:00 AM Share Group/Parlor 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM NAW/Parlor 6:30 PM - 7:30 PM Cub Scouts/Sm. FH/Rm. 6 & 7 7:00 PM Line Dancing/AH	30 11:00 AM Yoga/AH 7:00 PM Nominations Committee/MR	31 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM NAW/MR 7:00 PM Rekindled/AH	1	2 11:00 AM Yoga/Outside
3 Holy Communion	4  Church Office Closed 6:30 PM Yoga/AH	5 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM Clergy Cluster/MR 10:00 AM Share Group/Parlor 12:00 PM - 1:30 PM Caregivers Support Group/MR 6:00 PM Good Fellowship Dinner/AH 6:30 PM - 7:30 PM Cub Scouts/Sm. FH/Rm. 6 & 7	6 11:00 AM Yoga/AH 7:00 PM Chancel Choir	7  6:00 PM - 7:00 PM NAW/MR 6:30 PM Book Club/Parlor 6:30 PM Girl Scouts/Sm. FH 7:00 PM Rekindled/AH	8 11:00 AM Yoga/AH	9  9:00 AM Men's Breakfast/AH
10 Blood Pressures taken in the Narthex	11 6:30 PM Yoga/AH 7:00 PM Mission/S.A.L.L. Committee/Parlor 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM Prime Time/MR	12 10:00 AM Share Group/Parlor 6:30 PM - 7:30 PM Cub Scouts/Sm. FH/Rm. 6 & 7 7:00 PM Finance Committee/MR 7:00 PM Line Dancing/AH	13 11:00 AM Yoga/AH 6:30 PM - 8:30 PM Survive Seminar/AH 7:00 PM Chancel Choir	14 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM NAW/MR 7:00 PM Rekindled/AH	15 11:00 AM Yoga/AH	16
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24  Old Fashioned Tent Revival	25 6:30 PM Yoga/AH 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM Prime Time/MR	26 10:00 AM Share Group/Parlor 6:30 PM - 7:30 PM Cub Scouts/Sm. FH/Rm. 6 & 7 7:00 PM Administrative Council/MR 7:00 PM Line Dancing/AH	27 11:00 AM Yoga/AH 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM Handbells/MR 6:30 PM Youth Group 7:00 PM Chancel Choir	28 10:00 AM Pastor's Bible Study/MR 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM NAW/MR 7:00 PM Rekindled/AH 7:30 PM Pastor's Bible Study/MR	29 11:00 AM Yoga/AH 3:00 PM Monroe Hornets Pre-Game Meal	30



September



September Birthdays

1 – Gary Hoff
4 – Edna Miller
5 -- Jeremy Uitto
6 – John Routson
Kevin Majors
8 – Jerry Michael
11 – Jamie Pierce
13 – Bobbie Hoff
14 – Honour Stevens
15 – Karen Gardner
16 – Dave Hall
Ruby Huston
17 – Debbie Brookshire
18 – Jack Collier
Victor Wright
19 – Jan Aumann
21 – Melissa Adolph
JoAnn Tubbs
23 – Anne Lapham
24 – Pat Collins
26 – Sue Wilson
28 – Paula Barricklow
29 – Basil Fleming

September Anniversaries

3 – Melissa & Mark Osterman
6 – Rick & Annette Drake
7 – JoAnn & Ron Tubbs
8 – **Shirley & Dave Hall (61 years)**
16 – **Joyce & Elbert Tannreuther (67 years)**
19 -- **Brad & Sally Jonas (53 years)**
20 – Janet & Bob Majors
21 -- Tony & Christy Handorf
22 -- Jim & Ruby Huston
23 – **Dan & Ruthann Tracy (50 years)**
26 -- Aaron & Heather Brophy
27 – **Linda & Mike Barnet (59 years)**

Statistics:

	<u>Attendance</u>	<u>Offering</u>
July 23	198	\$2,764
July 30	189	\$4,232
August 6	203	\$7,721
August 13	243	\$4,767
August 20	195	\$4,107



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Wednesday, September 13, 2017

6:30-8:30pm

Monroe United Methodist Church

\$10 per person

REGISTRATION REQUIRED

On-line registration monroeumc@cinci.rr.com/survive. Invite your friends and family! This seminar is recommended for ages 12 to 100. For more information, please see Ann Copeland or any member of the Congregational Health Ministry Team.

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Annual Nut & Candy Sale**

<u>Item</u>	<u>Cost</u>	<u>Quantity</u>
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Bridge Mix (milk choc)	\$9.00	_____
Cranberries (dark choc)	\$10.00	_____
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Milk Chocolate Coated Peanuts	\$7.00	_____
Milk Chocolate Coated Cashews	\$11.00	_____
Milk Chocolate Coated Pecans	\$10.00	_____
Milk Chocolate Coated Raisins	\$7.00	_____
Giant Whole Cashews	\$10.00	_____
Almonds (roasted & salted)	\$10.00	_____
Pecans (halves)	\$10.00	_____
Walnuts (halves)	\$10.00	_____
Praline Pecans	\$10.00	_____
Trail Mix	\$7.00	_____
Almond Cranberry Granola Mix	\$7.00	_____
Heart Healthy Nut Mix	\$8.00	_____
Total	\$	_____

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ Zip: _____

Phone # _____ Email: _____

Amount Paid \$ _____ ☐ Cash ☐ Check # _____

Seller: _____ Phone # _____

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connecting with each other, and connecting with the world.***



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