

September 2023 Monroe Doctrine*



Celebrating God's faithfulness through our first 200 years



1823-2023

Monroe UMC

Shining the Light on the Hill

MonroeUMC.org



*And are we yet alive,
and see each other's face?
Glory and thanks to Jesus give
for his almighty grace!**

Monroe United Methodist Church will celebrate its 200th anniversary on Sunday, September 17, with a special service and luncheon. The worship service is planned for 10:00 am in the Sanctuary and will include special music, scripture, prayer, sharing, and praise to our faithful God. A free luncheon will follow at about 11:45 am. in Atchley Hall. The main dish and dessert are provided; attendees are encouraged to bring a dish to share and table service.

When Methodist local preacher Nathaniel Sackett, known to area residents as “Father Sackett,” began holding services in his home, I wonder what he imagined God would do through



Methodists in this community. Interest increased and by 1823, a class was organized by Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Conover, Mr. and Mrs. John Younk, Mrs. Ulm, Mrs. Floyd, Mrs. Joseph Alexander, and G. P. Williamson with Father Sackett's help. What did those first nine Methodists hope God would bring from their efforts? Soon, they moved from Sackett's home to an old log schoolhouse on the corner of Elm and East Streets. Membership increased as Mr. and

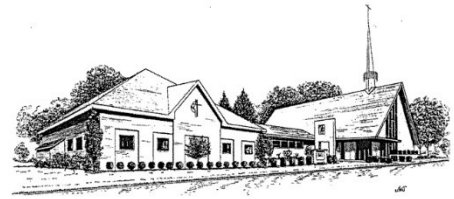
Mrs. B. Magie, Mr. and Mrs. T. Armor, and the whole family of Mr. Borders, and others joined the class; soon they numbered 35 and set about to build a new building. In the meantime, they also held services in the local carpenter shop, cabinet shop, log schoolhouse, and other “movable tabernacles.” Then, as now, the church's ministry relied on the dedicated leadership and service of laypersons.

Worshippers soon raised funds to build a frame church building on our present site, and Monroe Methodist Episcopal Church with Rev. Maley of the Miami Circuit as pastor. The congregation grew until membership topped 100 in 1860 and a larger building was built.

Could Father Sackett or those original class members have imagined more than 100 Methodists, several worshiping locations, and two church buildings within the lifetimes of their children and grandchildren? Could they have pictured a larger building and nearly 400 members 200 years after they first gathered?

They could not have dreamed of rapid travel and distances covered daily with cars. They had no idea the abundance of food available. They had no inkling of digital communication and ministry. They did not imagine their town of twenty houses and two stores would grow to include 15,489 people living in 5,562 households. There is so much they could not picture.

What they could foresee, however, was that the light of Jesus Christ would shine through them from this hilltop throughout the flourishing Monroe community. They knew that, as they faithfully shared their witness to God's work in their lives and lifted up the name of Jesus Christ, others would be drawn to Christ and give their lives to him. They knew that, as they remained connected to Jesus Christ, he would bear fruit in and through their lives.



Yet, because of their faith in God and their cooperation with our faithful God, with whom all things are possible (Matthew 19:26), we are yet alive to reflect on these first 200 years of God's movement among people called Methodists in Monroe.

Today we, the people known as Monroe UMC, are yet alive because of the faithfulness of our spiritual forebears and the firm foundation they built for us on Jesus Christ our Lord. To us they pass the torch and the responsibility to steward God's dream for a community of faith "shining the light on the hill by connecting with God, connecting with each other, and connecting with the world."

We don't know what God will do over the next 200 years of our history, and yet we are sure that God will work in, through, and if necessary, in spite of us to produce a harvest of righteousness, grace and love.

*Let us take up the cross
till we the crown obtain,
and gladly reckon all things loss
so we may Jesus gain.**

Yours in Christ,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Pastor John".

*Charles Wesley, "And Are We Yet Alive," *United Methodist Hymnal* (1989), 553, vss. 1 & 6.

Blaze Youth Group Catches Fire



After a months-long hiatus, the Blaze Youth Ministry launches its 2023-2024 program on Wednesday, September 6, from 6:00 to 7:30 pm. at the Church. All youth in grades 7 through 12 are invited and encouraged to enjoy the fellowship, food, and fun as we gather and look forward to our year.

Blaze will continue to gather each Wednesday, 6:00-7:30 pm. Our ministry will include Bible study, prayer, community service, sharing, and prayer throughout the year, along with opportunities for fun and laughter. Come and let Jesus set your heart on fire for him!

Parents and other interested adults, Pastor Jeff Motter and Gina Craft will lead, and they welcome your support and participation as well. For more information, call them at the church office, 513.539.7290.

** Why the new masthead and format? To set off this 200th anniversary edition from our usual monthly format, which we intend to return to in October.*

Atchley Hall will be closed on September 12 for Carpet Cleaning.

UMW nut and candy sale

The Monroe United Methodist Women are taking orders for their annual nut and candy sale. To place an order complete the order form included in the newsletter, weekly bulletin, or in the racks at church. Please include check payable to UMW with your order. Orders due by Oct 8. We have added several new items this year. Mail order to church at 206 East Ave, Monroe, Oh. 45050 or give to any of the following committee members. **Pam Kilburn** 513-594-3225, **Terri McGuire** 513-315-2880, **Elaine Kuth** 513-535-3674, **Toni McDonough** 513-398-6311, **Jane Majors** 513-539-7109, **Helen Ihle** 513-539-7640. Any questions contact any committee member. Shipment is expected the first week in November in time for your holiday baking. Thanks for supporting our UMW.

If you made reservations to go to LaComedia on Thursday, September 14 and would like to car pool be at the church parking lot ready to leave at 10:00 am. If driving on you own be at LaComedia by 10:45 am. Any questions contact **Jane Majors**.

Thank you

to **Eleanore Short** and her helpers for the great job they do tending the Memorial Garden. We've received several compliments from people outside the church.

Medical equipment available

As many of you may remember our church has a medical equipment loaner program. If you need a piece of medical equipment temporarily while waiting to get your own, need to borrow something for yourself or a friend or need it permanently just to make life a little easier we are here to help you. We accept donations of clean equipment in good condition when you no longer need it. Some items presently available are Walkers, crutches, wheelchairs, canes, bedside commodes, shower chairs, raised toilet seats, easy shampoo gadget, bed rail, transfer belts, lumbar cushion, food tray- fits on walker, bed underpays & a few adult briefs. To request a needed item, contact **Pam Kilburn** 513-594-3225, **Michelle Wysong** 513-720-1640 or the church office and we'll be happy to help you.

Also, just a reminder. The AED (automatic external defibrillator) is centrally located on the wall in the case outside the church office, at the top of the steps coming up from Atchley Hall. Don't be afraid to use it if someone becomes unresponsive and you can't feel a pulse. Send someone for the AED, call 911, and start CPR! Once you open up the AED, turn it on and it will tell you what to do.

We also have a very well stocked First Aide bag on the table under the church mailboxes in the same area as the AED. If you notice it's missing anything or supplies are low, please contact Pam Kilburn.

Roof Replacement Update

Materials will be delivered September 1, and dumpsters will arrive on September 3. Work is planned for September 5 – 7 or as long as work and cleanup take. Please avoid parking along the east side of the building – park further out in the parking lot, away from the building to protect your vehicle.

Directory picture makeup

If you were unable to get your pictures taken here, One Community Church, 57 W. Elm St., Monroe is doing directory pictures on September 27 from 2:00 – 8:00 pm. To sign up online, go to www.ucdir.com. and enter their code- **oh2709** and the password is photos. There you can schedule your time to get your pictures taken. Be sure you tell them when you go that the photos are for Monroe UMC and give them our code – **oh2649**. Or you can call the church at 513-539-7170 to schedule your appointment.

RUMMAGE SALE

OCT 13 and 14

Items for sale – in gently used condition

Clothing

Small appliances

House items – (lamps – pots and pans miscellaneous kitchen

Bathroom – bedroom items)

Pictures – collectables

File cabinet – lamp tables – coffee tables – furniture

*Baby clothes, car seats, high chairs, cribs, sheets,
swing, bouncy chair, etc*

Other items

Can be dropped off the starting Monday October – 9th
thru Thursday Oct 12th...

Items should be marked with priced

We will also offer bake good and lunch items for sale

ALL MONEY FROM THIS SALE WILL BENEFIT THE CHURCH

TIMES TO DROP OFF WILL BE ANNOUNCED CLOSED TO EVENT

LADIES CRAFT/MISSON GROUP

We have decided to start a Craft/Misson group here at MUMC..... The idea is to work on – quilting – Knitting – Crocheting or any other crafty idea you might have.

We have talked about meeting and working on our own project and then the next time we meet we would all work on a mission project of some type together. We can share patterns, materials, tips on how to do different techniques in our group also.

If you are interested – we will have an meeting to discuss -times to meet...and what days and the general idea of what we want to do.

It will be great fellowship and learning together and doing a mission for some group that is in need.

Meeting – Sept 12

10:00 am

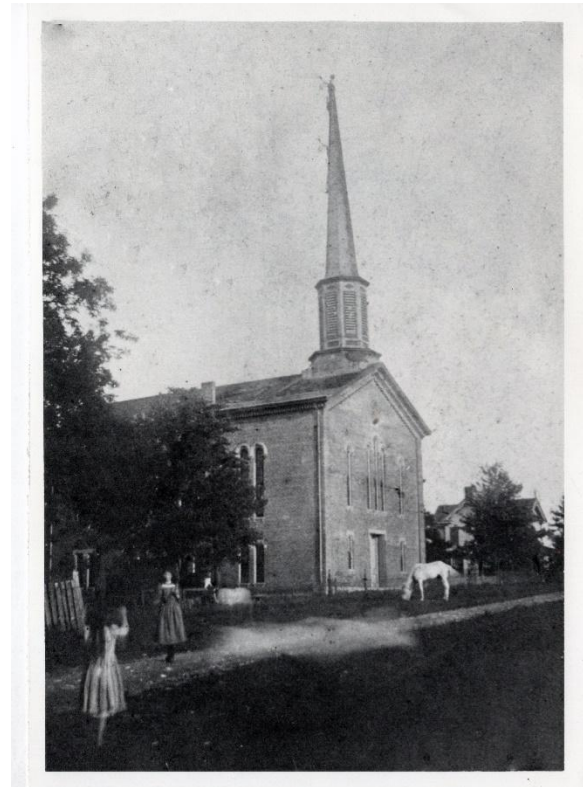
Monroe United Methodist Church in Ashley Hall.

If you can't attend or have question please contact

Elaine Kuth- at ekuth@hotmail.com

HISTORY CORNER

“Shining the Light on the Hill Since 1823”



Many things have changed around us but especially in the life of this and other churches.

Today we are known as “Shining the Light on the Hill” but in the late 1800s when this photograph was taken, we were known for the steeple that stood high on the same hill.

The first building was a log cabin at 127 South Street - present-day Lebanon Street. Later a frame building was erected at the end of Center Street - present-day Church Street - and East Avenue. By the mid-1850s the membership had grown to over one hundred, and more space was needed. In 1860, that building was razed, and a new brick church was completed in 1861.

The 1861 building is the building seen in the two photographs shared here.

I used to belong to a church who had a 100-year history. They always talked about “Linking the

Past to the Present for the Future.” Kind words, but they had to merge with another church and have had to give up much of their past. Change came.

I enjoy investigating local history and especially enjoy trying to determine what is going on in old photographs but we as a church need to pay much attention to God’s plan for us in the future. The past is over, and we cannot relive it. Hopefully, we have learned from the past and can use that to help decide the future. Change has always happened and is with us today. We must accept it and move forward.



See what changes you can spot in these two photographs that were taken just a few years apart.

The “History Group” is made up of the following: Jane Majors, Elaine Kuth, Eleanore Short, Reed Musgrove and Roger Miller at rmiller149@cinci.rr.com

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Annual Nut & Candy Sale**

<u>Item</u>	<u>Cost</u>	<u>Quantity</u>
Bridge Mix Milk Chocolate	\$10.00	_____
Cranberries Dark Chocolate	\$10.00	_____
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Milk Chocolate Coated Pecans	\$12.00	_____
Milk Chocolate Coated Raisins	\$9.00	_____
Giant Whole Cashews	\$12.00	_____
Almonds Whole Roasted	\$10.00	_____
Pecans Halves	\$14.00	_____
Pecan Pieces	\$13.00	_____
Walnuts Halves	\$12.00	_____
Praline Pecans	\$14.00	_____
Trail Mix	\$10.00	_____
Nut & Fruit Mix	\$11.00	_____
Granola Almond Cranberry	\$9.00	_____
Deluxe Mix	\$12.00	_____
Total	\$ _____	_____

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ Zip: _____

Phone # _____ Email: _____

Amount Paid \$ _____ ☐ Cash ☐ Check # _____

Seller: _____ Phone # _____

Mail or drop off order form to seller or the church

206 East Ave. Monroe, OH 45050 Phone: 513-539-7290

Please include payment with your order form. Make check payable to UMW. Your patronage is greatly appreciated.

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ALMOND CRANBERRY GRANOLA

Tasty granola with plump dried cranberries and sliced almonds give you a boost of flavor and energy.

60089 1lb Bag



DELUXE MIX

Premium roasted salted nut mix with cashews, almonds, brazil nuts, pecans, hazelnuts, macadamias and pistachios.

60025 1lb Bag



HARVEST MEDLEY MIX

Premium dried cherries and cranberries, roasted salted fancy pistachios, roasted salted cashews and roasted salted fancy Mammoth pecans.

60095 1lb Bag



NUT & FRUIT MIX

Premium almonds and cashews, sweet dried cranberries, golden raisins, pepitas and sunflower kernels.

60080 1lb Bag



SWEET & SALTY TRAIL MIX

A classic blend of roasted salted peanuts, raisins, rich milk chocolate gems, roasted salted almonds and cashews.

60087 1lb Bag



SPICY PARTY MIX

A crunchy, festive blend of peanuts, spicy Cajun corn sticks, sesame sticks, sunflower kernels, chili crescents and almonds.

60097 1lb Bag



September



September Birthdays

1 – Gary Hoff
4 – Edna Miller
6 – John Routson
8 – Jerry Michael
11 – Jamie Pierce
13 – Bobbie Hoff
15 – Karen Gardner
16 – Dave Hall
 Ruby Huston
 Jean Jerew
17 – Debbie Brookshire
18 – Victor Wright
23 – Anne Lapham
26 – Sue Wilson
28 – Paula Barricklow

Anniversaries

8 – Shirley & Dave Hall **(67 years)**
19 – Brad & Sally Jonas **(59 years)**
22 – Jim & Ruby Huston
16 – Mike & Elaine Kuth









Statistics:

	<u>Offering</u>
July 23	\$8,090
July 30	\$1,540
August 6	\$3,605
August 13	\$1,790
August 20	\$1,437



The Deadline
for the October Newsletter
is
Sunday, October 22nd

Sunday		Monday		Tuesday		Wednesday		Thursday		Friday		Saturday	
27		28	Church Office Closed 6:00pm Yoga/AH 7:00pm Scouts/AH	29	10:00am Share Group/Parlor	30	11:00am Yoga/AH 12:00pm Yoga/Narthex	31	7:00pm Rekindled/AH	1	Church Office Closed 10:00am Exercise/AH 11:00am Yoga/AH	2	2:00pm –4:00pm Birthday Party/Eric & Carly Bradley/AH
3	Holy Communion	4	 Church Office Closed	5	10:00am Share Group/Parlor	6	11:00am Yoga/AH 12:00pm Yoga/Narthex	7		8	10:00am Exercise/AH 11:00am Yoga/AH	9	8:00am –2:00pm Emmaus Team Gathering/AH 5:00pm –9:00pm Emmaus Gathering/AH
10		11	Church Office Closed 6:00pm Yoga/AH 7:00pm Scouts/AH	12	10:00am –12:00pm Lady Crafters/AH 10:00am Share Group/Parlor	13	11:00am Yoga/AH 12:00pm Yoga/Narthex	14	10:00am UMW Going to LaComedia	15	10:00am Exercise/AH 11:00am Yoga/AH	16	
17	 10:00am –11:00am Combined Worship Service 11:00am Luncheon/AH	18	Church Office Closed 6:00pm Yoga/AH 7:00pm Missions/Library 7:00pm Scouts/AH	19	10:00am Share Group/Parlor 1:30pm Finance Committee/Library	20	11:00am Yoga/AH 12:00pm Yoga/Narthex	21	7:00pm Trustees/Library	22	10:00am Exercise/AH 11:00am Yoga/AH	23	 8:00am –2:00pm Emmaus Team Gathering/AH
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REQUESTED RETURN SERVICE

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