

Announcements

March 17, 2024

MUMC Children's Ministry



Children's Church is for kids in kindergarten through 6th grade. Every Sunday at 9:15. Dismissal is at the end of the first service (usually between 10:30 and 10:45). Let your kids have fun while learning about Jesus! Invite friends too! Engaging activities will help your child grow socially, spiritually, and physically.



Nursery: for newborns to 4 years old.
Sundays during the 9:30 and 11:00 services.

The Amanda Outreach / Slinky Tutoring Center

Tutoring is on Mondays and Wednesdays throughout the school year between 4:20 and 5:30. Amanda Elementary children appreciate your Christian love and encouragement.

LINK Adult Readers Help parents and grandparents become better reading role models for their children. As a tutor for an adult reader, you determine the schedule and meeting place (church or library). Training is available for both Slinky and LINK, but not required. Contact Gina for more details (gmatcraft@gmail.com/937-514-3793).

Let the Xtreme Kidz praise His name with dancing! TODAY IS THE EASTER PRAISE DANCE!
Come share in the excitement at both services (9:30 & 11:00).

Pancakes with the Easter Bunny is on Saturday, March 23rd (9:00-11:30am).
THANK YOU for the filled plastic eggs!
PLEASE DONATE: paper egg cartons – find donation bins near each main church entrance.
Volunteers are needed in the craft stations.

SCUBA VBS is July 7th – 11th. Let's ALL dive deep for Jesus! It's a great opportunity to minister to children. Please donate old plastic storage bowls (the larger, the better). We also need LOTS of bottle caps and jar lids of all sizes (pop, water, applesauce, juice, etc.) to make coral decorations. It's not too soon to say, "Hey Gina! I can help with VBS!" You can also ask her about a VBS take-home project.



Blaze Youth Group shines the light of JC throughout the community!
Wednesdays from 6:00-7:30pm.

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1st Wednesday of each month: Bible Study at church

2nd Wednesday: Bull's Run Arboretum (at church during winter months)

3rd Wednesday: Hope House

4th Wednesday: Monroe Lending Library

5th Wednesday: Game night at church

**Blaze & S.E.L.F. is teaming up for Summer Missions in 2024.
To help make a change in local, low-income areas,
bring your spare change to church.
Also bring your tools on June 4,5, and 6th.**

For children and youth, contact Gina at 937-514-3793 or email at gmatcraft@gmail.com.

****Adults & Family****

Altar Flowers – The Sanctuary altar flowers are in given by Ron Johnson in honor of Judy Johnson's birthday March 31st. The Atchley Hall flowers are given by Phil & Jennifer Lacefield in memory of Brandi Lacefield – their daughter-in-law at her recent passing.

Altar Flowers – the 2024 altar flower calendar for the sanctuary is hanging on the bulletin board in the narthex. Cost is \$25.00/Sunday. Envelopes are available on the table below the sign-up sheet. **A sign-up sheet and envelopes are available on the bulletin board in Atchley Hall for the 9:30 worship service.** The cost is \$15.00/Sunday.

Prayer Concerns – Prayer concerns are welcome and encouraged since we believe in the power of prayer and scripture directs us to pray. Please legibly write down your prayer requests on the card in the envelope marked "PRAYER CONCERNS." You may hand this to an usher to give to the pastor, or you may give it to the pastor during the first song.

UMW Going to LaComedia – The Monroe UMW will be going to LaComedia Dinner Theatre on Thursday, May 16th. We will enjoy a delicious lunch followed by the all-new musical comedy "The Church Basement Ladies Plowin Thru." Make your reservation with a check payable to UMW for \$41.00 no later than April 1st to **Jane Majors**. Any questions contact **Sharon Warmoth** or **Jane Majors**.

Newsletter Deadline – The deadline for the April newsletter is Sunday, March 24th. If you have an article(s) you wish to submit, please send to Jerry Lapham at rjlapham@cinci.rr.com.

Holy Week Schedule of Services

Sunday March 24th – Palm & Passion Sunday, worship at 9:30 and 11:00am

Maundy Thursday, March 28th – The Last Supper through the Eyes of Peter, worship at 6:30 in Atchley Hall

Good Friday, March 29th – Stations of the Cross through Peter's Eyes, 9:00am to 6:30pm, Memorial Garden/Sanctuary

Good Friday, March 29th – Service of Shadows, 6:30pm in the Sanctuary

Resurrection Sunday, March 31st – Contemporary Worship, 9:30 in Atchley Hall; Traditional Worship, 11:00 in the Sanctuary (NO SUNRISE SERVICE)

NAMI – Do you or someone you know have a family member or friend who deals with mental illness? Gain insight and support at a free seminar called "Family & Friends," sponsored by the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI). It will be here on Tuesday, April 9th, 6:00-8:00pm. Register online www.nami-bc.org/class-registration.

Thank You – Thank you for giving to the UMCOR Sunday Special Offering last Sunday. We have received \$240 to help support the relief and development work of UMCOR. You can still designate a gift at any time for this purpose by writing "UMCOR Sunday" on the check memo line, envelope, or notes field online at MonroeUMC.org (Give).

This Week at Monroe UMC

TODAY (March 17) Monday	9:30am	Praise Worship/AH
	11:00am	Traditional Worship/Sanctuary
		Church Office Closed
	6:00pm	Yoga/AH
	6:30pm	Bible Study/Small FH
	7:00pm	Scouts/AH
Tuesday	10:00am	Share Group/Parlor
	10:00am	Sewing Group/Youth Room
Wednesday	6:00pm	Youth
Thursday	1:00pm	Bible Study/AH
	7:00pm	Trustees/Library
Friday	10:00am	Exercise/AH
	11:00am	Yoga/AH
Saturday	8:00am-2:00pm	Emmaus Men's Meeting/AH
	9:00-11:30am	Pancakes w/the Easter Bunny/Sm. FH, SS. Wing
Sunday (March 24)		Palm Sunday
	9:30am	Praise Worship/AH
	11:00am	Traditional Worship/Sanctuary
		Newsletter Deadline

Please note the deadline for submitting information/announcements for the weekly bulletin is noon on Wednesday.

Communication Cards: your attendance in worship is very important to us; please take a moment to complete the card each week.

Want to Improve Your Spiritual Life. Pick up a current copy of *The Upper Room* or *Our Daily Bread* devotionals which are now available in the church lobby and at the Welcome Centers. Large-print versions are also available. Grab one today!

A pager system is used by our nursery staff for the convenience of our parents with small children in our nursery each Sunday.

We invite you to remember our Church in your will or other estate planning. Your thoughtfulness and kindness will help assure that the church continues vital ministry into the years to come.

Isaiah 45:3 God says, *"I will give you treasures hidden in the darkness—secret riches.*

I will do this so you may know that I am the LORD...