

MUMC Children & Youth Ministry

March 15, 2026



Xtreme Kids Sunday School is for kindergarten and up.

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 and spiritually.

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



The Amanda Outreach / Slinky Tutoring Center

First day back – Monday, September 8th – 3:45/4:20 – 5:30pm at Amanda UMC

Tutoring is on Mondays and Wednesdays throughout the school year between 4:20 and 5:30.

Amanda Elementary children and parents appreciate your Christian love and academic encouragement.

LINK Adult Readers

As a tutor for an adult reader, you determine the schedule and meeting place (church or library).

Contact Gina for more details (gmatcraft@gmail.com/937-514-3793).

Kids Easter Variety Show – March 22nd – both services. The kids will express their Joy for Jesus with their many talents. Dress rehearsal is THIS SATURDAY, March 21st from 10:00am – noon.

Pancakes with the Easter Bunny – Saturday, March 28th, 9:00 – 11:30am

Thank you for filling the plastic eggs (empty eggs are at each entryway) with individually wrapped candy.

Please bring them to church by **Thursday, March 25th**



Let's explore the nature of God at Vacation Bible School!

July 12th–16th from 5:30-8:30pm



Through prayer, scripture, and service, 5th–12th graders **ENCOUNTER** the Journey that Jesus set before them.

**We meet every Wednesday between 6 & 7:30PM.
Bring a friend!**

1st week: Bible Study at church

2nd week: Mount Pleasant

3rd week: Bible Study at church

4th week: Bulls Run Arboretum – meet at church during winter

5th week: Game night at church

**** Adults & Family ****

Altar Flowers – The Atchley Hall flowers are given by Thadd & Brenda Patton in honor of their children & grandchildren.

Altar Flowers – The 2026 altar flower calendar for the sanctuary is hanging on the bulletin board in the narthex; cost is **\$48.00/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 **\$25.00/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.

The Nazarene Food Pantry – They need applesauce, peas, peaches, pork & beans, plain diced tomatoes, tuna/beef helper. The pantry in Middletown recently closed, so we are anticipating additional families seeking help. Thanks for your generous support.

Lenten Offering – Again this year the Mission Committee will be using the offering to help feed the women and children at the Hope House in Middletown. Once a month we furnish groceries that they request and they now have a cook that comes in everyday and cooks their meals for around 30 people. Thank you in advance for your generosity for helping support this project.

Potluck Party – **TODAY** we will have a Potluck Dinner after the second service. Fried chicken, drinks and tableware will be provided. We ask that you bring either a side dish or dessert to complete the meal.

Real Change Starts Here – Today is UMCOR Sunday – In Ezekiel 37, God brings life to a valley of dry bones, showing that even the hopeless can be restored. UMCOR Sunday reminds us that The United Methodist Church, working together in covenant, shines Christ’s light into communities facing disaster, poverty, or human suffering. Through connectional giving, congregations and members provide care, water, food, shelter, and hope. Each gift tells a story of restoration and God’s love made visible. Today’s special offering funds the “cost of doing business” so that 100% of other designated offerings can go to make a difference on the ground. Thank you for starting real change today!

Please mark your offering envelope or check memo for “UMCOR Sunday” and place it in the offering or mail it to the church. Give online at MonroeUMC.org/Give and select “Fund 8413-Special Sundays.” Give by text with the message \$amount UMCOR 513.547.9908.

Praise Celebration Song Requests – Praise song requests for *Praise Celebration* on **April 12th, 9:30am**, need to be submitted no later than next **Sunday, March 22nd**. Use the yellow insert available in the worship space to suggest up to two (2) songs and tell us why you chose them. Check the box to share a brief testimony about why you chose the song, providing your name and phone number so we can follow up. Thanks!

Church Emails – Have you previously received emails from the church and recently stopped receiving them? If so, you may have “Unsubscribed” from our email list. You can check by using these steps:

1. Find an old email from the church.
2. At the bottom of the email, click “Manage Email Preferences.”
3. Update the preferences to resubscribe. You should begin receiving emails again.

You should also check if you have marked MonroeUMUMC@gmail.com as “Spam.” Instructions vary depending on your email program, so you’ll need to consult your app’s Help to find a solution. If you try these and still do not receive email from Monroe UMC, contact your office (513.539.7290) for assistance.

Newsletter Deadline – The deadline for April newsletter is **Wednesday, March 18th**. If you have an article(s) you wish to submit, please send to monroeumc@cinci.rr.com.

There will be NO Trustee meeting in March!

Camp Wesley Resumes – West Ohio Church Camp at Camp Wesley resumes this summer. Programs and schedules will be announced soon. To learn more about the renovations and vision for camping ministry, visit WesleyCampandRetreatCenter.org. Camps will be available for children and youth, so start talking to them about a faith adventure at church camp.

LifeWise Academy 101 – You're invited to **LifeWise Academy 101** in Monroe on **Tuesday, March 24th** at 6:30pm at the Monroe Church of the Nazarene, 400 Macready Ave. *LifeWise* is a nationwide and local effort to provide Bible education for public school students during school hours. It began last October with three primary students; now there are 73 primary and elementary students! Hear student testimonies, learn about the curriculum, discover how you might be able to serve Christ, students, and our community.

This Week at Monroe UMC

TODAY		Fourth Sunday in Lent
(March 15)	9:30am	Praise Worship/AH
	11:00am	Traditional Worship/Sanctuary
	12:15pm	Potluck after second service/AH
Monday		Church Office Closed
	6:00pm	Yoga/AH
	7:00pm	Scouts/AH
Tuesday	10:00am	Share Group/Parlor
	10:00pm	Sewing Group/Youth Room
	1:00pm	Finance Committee/Library
Wednesday	11:00am	Yoga/Narthex
	6:00pm	Youth Group
	7:00pm	Praise Team/AH
	7:00pm	SPRC/Library
		Newsletter Deadline
Thursday	1:15-2:30pm	Seeking Small Group/Library
Friday	10:00am	Exercise/AH
	11:00am	Yoga/AH
Saturday	10:00am-12:00pm	Variety Show Dress Rehearsal
Sunday		Fifth Sunday in Lent
	9:30am	Praise Worship/AH
	9:30am	Children's Easter Variety Show/AH
(March 22)	11:00am	Traditional Worship/AH

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* devotional which is now available in the church lobby and on the table at the back door. 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..."*