

MUMC Children & Youth Ministry

July 26, 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).



Summer Sundays at the Park! Every LAST Sunday (May through July), after Sunday school, we will walk to Monroe Community Park (412 Old St.). Please pick your child up in front of the playground by 12:30pm



THANK YOU EVERYONE for another fabulous VBS!

ENCOUNTER YOUTH GROUP

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

The YOUTH MISSION PROJECT was a great success! Thank you ALL for supporting our ministry.

Please visit Bull's Run Arboretum in Middletown, OH to walk the trail and enjoy our poems, passages, and artwork. MUMC made it possible!



****Adults & Family****

Altar Flowers – The Sanctuary flowers are given by Pam Stacy-McLaughlin in memory of her mother Joyce Stacy.

Altar Flowers – The 2026 altar flower calendar for the sanctuary is hanging on the bulletin board in the narthex. The cost for sanctuary altar flowers is **\$25 for one vase and \$48 for 2 vases**. 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 canned chicken, canned carrots, canned peas, canned potatoes, canned tomatoes, peanut butter & jelly, Ramen noodles: beef & chicken. They really appreciate our help.

Join the Choir! Larry Daniel invites all singers to be a part of the Chancel Choir at the 11:00am Traditional service! Rehearsals begin **Sunday, September 13th** at 10:00am right before the 11:00am service. We have some very enjoyable music to sing! We will be singing several different styles of music, and I look forward to seeing you soon. If you have questions, please reach out to me at 513.827.1483 or email ldaniel5867@yahoo.com.

Monroe “Night Out” Donations Needed – Our church will have a booth at this year’s “Night Out” event on **Thursday, August 6th** at Monroe Community Park (from 5p – 9p). We are looking for donations of bottled water that can be distributed to folks as they stop to chat with us and see what Monroe UMC is all about. Please deliver the waters to the Atchley Hall by **NEXT SUNDAY, August 2nd** so we can purchase more if necessary. Thank you for contributing toward this outreach opportunity.

NEW MEN’S GROUP STARTING!

GENTLEMEN! You are all encouraged to mark your calendars for **Saturday, September 12th** at 9:00am as we launch a new Men’s Group! We will enjoy a small breakfast together, spend some time in God’s Word, and brainstorm how we can take an active role in ministering to our community. All men are invited and consider bringing someone with you!

Register for Workshop Focused On Church Property Planning –

As congregations discern their future, many are asking a critical question: How can our church property best serve God’s mission in the years ahead? Whether considering redevelopment, partnerships, repurposing, or other long-term possibilities, navigating decisions about church buildings can feel overwhelming.

A workshop on church property redevelopment and reimagining is scheduled for **Tuesday, July 29th**, from 10:00am-3:00pm at the West Ohio Conference Center in Worthington. During this workshop, facilitated by Rev. Joy Fenton Jones, you’ll hear how congregations have wrestled with complex questions about their buildings – not through large-scale, quick-fix projects, but through thoughtful discernment, creativity, and faithful planning. You’ll also learn common challenges, practical lessons, and key considerations for churches to retail their property to support ministry for generations to come.

This workshop is designed for both clergy and lay leaders, and we encourage church teams to attend together. Registration is free but not required.

This Week at Monroe UMC

TODAY	9:30am	Praise Worship/AH
(July 26)	11:00am	Traditional Worship/Sanctuary
Monday		Church Office Closed
	6:00pm	Yoga/AH
	7:00pm	Scouts/AH
Tuesday	10:00am	Share Group/Parlor
Wednesday	11:00am	Yoga/Narthex
	7:00pm	Praise Team/AH
Friday	10:00am	Exercise/AH
	11:00am	Yoga/AH
Sunday	9:30am	Praise Worship/AH
(Aug. 2)	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...