

MUMC Children & Youth Ministry

September 20, 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.



Christmas Play (December 13th) practice begins
Sunday, September 27th from 10:45 - noon.
Practice is every Sunday through December 6th

The Amanda Outreach / Slinky Tutoring Center

First day back – Monday, September 14th – 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).

ENCOUNTER YOUTH GROUP

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

Wednesdays during school year from 6:00-7:30pm

1st Wed. – Bible Study at MUMC

2nd Wed. – Visit members at Mt. Pleasant in Monroe & McDonalds

3rd Wed. – Bible Study at MUMC

4th Wed. – Bull's Run Arboretum in Middletown w/picnic
(weather permitting)

5th Wed. – TBD (campfire, game(s), guest speaker, movie, etc.)



****Adults & Family****

Altar Flowers – The Sanctuary flowers are given by Dillis & Monica Bolton in memory of Monica's sister, Mary Chase, on the 3-year anniversary of her death.

Honor Someone, Celebrate Something Meaningful.

Mark a birthday, anniversary, special memory, or someone you love by providing flowers for worship – or by making a gift to a church ministry in their honor or memory.

Sanctuary flowers are \$25 for one vase or \$48 for two. At 9:30 worship, flowers are \$25. Sign-up sheets and envelopes are available in the narthex and Atchley Hall.

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 mandarin oranges, oatmeal, pancake mix, peanut butter, tuna helper. 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 are 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.

Mission Committee: We would like to invite church members, friends and community members to our **FREE Lasagna Dinner Social** being held on **Thursday, September 24th** in Atchley Hall from 6:00 to 7:15pm. We will be serving,

Lasagna, Toss Salad, Garlic Bread, Dessert and Drinks

(There will also be a small amount of spaghetti and meatballs for those who do not like Lasagna)

This is a FREE dinner so bring or invite a friend or neighbor.

We are also asking that you bring a can of fruit or vegetables to donate to the Nazarene Church Pantry here in Monroe. They are feeding about 30+ families now.

GriefShare Group – A GriefShare grief support group for people grieving the death of a loved one is starting soon. Please join us **Wednesday, September 23rd** at 1:00pm in the Church Library.

At GriefShare you'll watch a weekly video with counsel and insights from respected grief experts and relatable personal stories – followed by a time of sharing and support. Session topics include what's normal in grief; how to handle difficult emotions and what to do with regrets, questions, and worries.

For more information, contact the church office at [513.539.7290](tel:513.539.7290) or MonroeOHUMC@gmail.com, or visit griefshare.org.

To sign up, please visit <https://find.griefshare.org/groups/305156>. Registration is free and necessary so we can have materials for you.

Love One Another – New Sermon Series Begins September 27

In a season when so much seems to pull people apart, Jesus gives us a different way to love: **"Love one another as I have loved you."** Beginning Sunday, September 27th, we will explore Jesus' final command to his disciples before his death and what it means to put that love into action in everyday life.

Over four weeks, we'll consider how Jesus calls us to **see one another as neighbors, make love visible, stay connected to the source of love, and grow as disciples through friendship and community.** This series isn't about ignoring differences; it's about choosing a way of life shaped by Jesus in the middle of them.

Join us Sundays at **9:30 or 11:00am** for **Love One Another.**

GriefShare Begins September 23

Grief can be painful, confusing, and unpredictable. GriefShare offers a safe, welcoming place to find support, encouragement, and practical help after the death of a family member or friend.

This **13-week group** begins **Wednesday, September 23rd, from 1:00-3:00pm in the church Library.** Each week includes helpful video insights, conversation with others who understand grief, and resources to use at home.

GriefShare is free, and all are welcome. Please register at <https://find.griefshare.org/groups/305156> so we can have materials ready for you.

Are you willing to help?

Are you able-bodied and interested in helping behind the scenes at Monroe UMC? We are seeking someone to do occasional set up of rooms and check lights/doors before and after a group has used our facility and other small tasks? If interested, see Pastor Jeff.

Monroe UMC is looking for willing servants to help manage our website and administer our church management software. We will provide training. If interested, talk to Pastor Jeff.

Help Everyone Feel at Home

A warm welcome can make all the difference. Serving as a greeter is a simple way to help people feel seen, valued, and connected from the moment they arrive. Share a smile, offer hospitality, and help make our church a place where everyone knows they belong. At the 9:30am service, talk to Andy Garitson; for the 11:00am service, see Ginny Gansheimer.

Looking for Ways to Serve?

You don't have to be an expert to help make worship meaningful. By serving as a Communion server, Scripture reader, or liturgist, you can help others connect with God, feel included, and experience worship more deeply. Your voice and presence can make a difference. Talk to Pastor Jeff at either service; we will equip you with training.

This Week at Monroe UMC

TODAY (Sept. 20)	9:30am	Praise Worship/Sanctuary
	11:00am	Traditional Worship/Sanctuary
		Men's Emmaus Walk Ends
Monday		Church Office Closed
	6:00pm	Yoga/AH
	7:00pm	Scouts/AH
Tuesday	10:00am	Share Group/Parlor
	10:00am	Sewing Group/YR
Wednesday	11:00am	Yoga/Narthex
	1:00pm	GriefShare Group/Library
	6:00pm	Youth
Thursday	6:00pm	Lasagna Dinner/AH
Friday	10:00am	Exercise/AH
	11:00am	Yoga/AH
Saturday	8:00am-4:00pm	Kairos Meeting/AH
Sunday (Sept. 27)	9:30am	Praise Worship/Sanctuary
	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...