

MUMC Children & Youth Ministry

October 25, 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.



Sleepover at the Stable Christmas Play

(Dec. 13th, 9:30)

PRACTICE is every Sunday through Dec. 6th (10:30 – noon).

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 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).



Thank you for the candy donations!

Trunk or Treat was a GREAT success!



Pancakes with Santa, Saturday, December 12th, 9:00-11:30am



ENCOUNTER YOUTH GROUP

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

1st Wed.: Bible Study at church

2nd Wed.: Ohio Living Mt. Pleasant

3rd Wed.: Bible Study at church

4th Wed.: Bull's Run Arboretum in Middletown (weather permitting)

5th Wed.: TBD (game night, campfire, etc.)

****Adults & Family****

Altar Flowers – The Atchley Hall flowers are given by Jean Jerew in memory of John & Betty Jerew, Phyllis & John Mosier and Janice Jerew.

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 canned peas, canned carrots, canned green beans, fruit cocktail, pineapple, mandarin oranges, pears, Beef Ramen, canned pasta (meaning Spaghetti O's type of pasta), syrup, No Beef or Tuna Helper, Au Gratin boxed potatoes, mashed potatoes, Jiffy Cornbread, stuffing, jelly. 31 families were served including 2 new families.

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.

UM Men's Ministry – The United Methodist Men's Ministry will meet on **Tuesday evening, October 27th at 7:00pm**. All men are encouraged to attend as we finalize plans for community workdays to help our neighbors and other opportunities to serve. We hope to see you there!

All Saints Day – **Sunday, November 1st**, we will observe All Saints Day in worship and remember those saints who have finished their course of life during the past year. We have invited family members of these saints to join us – be sure to give them a genuine and caring welcome.

Annual Church Conference – Our congregation's annual Church Conference is set for **Sunday, November 15th at 3:00pm** in Atchley Hall. All members are invited to participate and celebrate what God has done over the past year. Church Council members are **expected** to attend.

Thanksgiving – Thanksgiving is an important holiday in our society. Families gather and they anticipate sharing good food and time together. You can help make that possible for families in our church, at SLINKY, and served by the Food Pantry. Mark your gift for “Thanksgiving” and we will provide gift cards so recipients can purchase what they most need. Give between now and November 8th. Any amount is welcome.

Upper Rooms – The November/December Upper Rooms are available for pickup in the rack in the Narthex or on the table in the airlock at the back door.

From the Trustees

Because of our increasing electrical bill, when you leave the building, **please turn off the lights** and **make sure all the outside doors are locked** because we are having a problem with doors being left unlocked.

Daylight Savings Time Ends

Don't forget to set your clocks back 1 hour **Sunday, November 1st**

Financial Update: A few weeks ago, Pastor Jeff shared information regarding a "catch-up" payment we had to make for our electric bill. At the time, he stated that we believed the catch-up amount was about \$9,000. However, upon review, the catch

amount of more than \$7,000 plus the regular monthly payment totaled about \$9,000. He also stated that our electric bill would increase by about \$2,000 per month going forward. Further review shows that our bill will increase by about \$1,000 and total more than \$2,300 per month for the next 12 months. When you give to the general operating budget of the church, you help pay for electricity, water, gas, staff salaries, supplies, music, and building maintenance and operating costs. Thank you for your generous support of these ongoing expenses that enable all the ministry our congregation can do for Jesus.

SCAM EMAIL WARNING: A new email scam is circulating to parishioners at Monroe UMC. The sender claims to be Pastor Jeff Motter and even uses the church logo to appear official, but the sender's email address (pastorjeffmotter@gmail.com) is INCORRECT. The sender asks you to reply and assist by contacting them. If you receive this message, IGNORE IT, DO NOT REPLY, AND DELETE IT. Pastor Jeff or any of our staff members will NEVER contact you via text or email and ask for your assistance. If you receive such a message and aren't sure, call Pastor Jeff or the church office to verify before responding.

JVP: Just Vote Please: Early voting for the November 3 election is now underway throughout Ohio. Residents of Butler County can find out voting details and view a sample ballot at <https://elections.bcoho.gov/>. Residents of Warren County, check <https://vote.warrencountyohio.gov/>.

This Week at Monroe UMC

TODAY (Oct. 25)	9:30am	Praise Worship/Sanctuary
	11:00am	Traditional Worship/Sanctuary
	12:00pm	Monroe 101/Library
	11:30-4:30pm	Graman Baby Shower/AH
Monday		Church Office Closed
	6:00pm	Yoga/AH
	7:00pm	Scouts/AH
Tuesday	10:00am	Share Group/Parlor
	10:00am	Sewing Group/YR
	7:00pm	Men's Group/Parlor
Wednesday	11:00am	Yoga/Narthex
	1:00pm	GriefShare Group/Library
	6:00pm	Youth
	7:00pm	Praise Team/AH
Friday	10:00am	Exercise/AH
	11:00am	Yoga/AH
Saturday	2:00-6:00pm	Ravel Holland Birthday Party/AH
Sunday		All Saints Sunday
(Nov. 1)	9:30am	Praise Worship/Sanctuary
	11:00am	Traditional Worship/Sanctuary

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...