

MUMC Children & Youth Ministry

August 31, 2025



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

Slinky Meeting & Training at Amanda UMC – Wednesday, September 3rd at 4:30pm

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 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).

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

ANNOUNCEMENT NEW YOUTH PROGRAM

Calling ALL 5th – 12th graders...MUMC's Youth Group needs YOU! Come to the church for the BIG kick-off on Wednesday, September 3rd at 6:00pm. Parents come at 7:15 to sign forms and hear about our exciting ideas.

For this collaborative journey, we need to make some fresh, positive changes that will level up our Christian walk and make an impact on those we serve.

****Adults & Family****

Altar Flowers – The Sanctuary flowers are given by Judy Johnson in honor of Ron & Judy's 53rd anniversary. The Atchley Hall flowers are given by Jennifer Lacefield in memory of Jamie Gayhart's Heavenly birthday, Jennifer's brother.

Altar Flowers – the 2025 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.

Join the Choir! Larry Daniel invites all singers to be a part of the Chancel Choir at the 11:00am Traditional service! Rehearsals begin on **Sunday, September 14th** 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 any questions, please reach out to me at 513.827.1483 or email ldaniel5876@yahoo.com.

The Nazarene Food Pantry is requesting these special items: oatmeal, canned diced tomatoes, canned pineapple, canned peaches. As always, all items are accepted and appreciated.

Upper Rooms – The September/October Upper Rooms are available for pickup in the rack in the narthex or on the table in the airlock at the back door.

Correction to Newsletter Information: Sometimes, after I've worked on ideas for messages, the Spirit prompts me to change direction. In the September newsletter, you will read about a "BOTH/AND" series that I originally planned for this fall. Then God intervened. Here is information about the next series. Prayerfully think about someone you know who may need to find a better life and connection in the community to invite. – Pastor Jeff

Better Together Starts September 14th!

Life isn't meant to be lived alone. At Monroe UMC, we believe that God designed us for connection – with Him and each other. That's why we're launching a new 6-week series called *Better Together: Simple Steps to Change Your World*.

Starting this Sunday, we'll discover five simple practices anyone can do that can bless your family, your neighbors, and your community.

Whether you've been a part of church your whole life or this is your first time walking through the doors, this series is for you. Each week will be practical, encouraging, and filled with hope. Together, we'll learn how small steps of faith can make a big impact.

Join us! You belong here, and life really is better together.

FREE Lasagna Dinner Social – The Mission Committee would like to invite church members, friends and community members to our **FREE Lasagna Dinner Social** being held on **Tuesday, September 16th** in Atchley Hall from 6:00-7:15pm. We will be serving **Lasagna, Toss Salad, Garlic Bread, Dessert and Drinks**. (There will 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.]**

This Week at Monroe UMC

TODAY	9:30am	Praise Worship/AH
(Aug. 31)	11:00am	Traditional Worship/Sanctuary
Monday		Labor Day
		Church Office Closed
Tuesday	10:00am	Share Group/Parlor
	10:00am	Sewing Group/YR
Wednesday	11:00am	Yoga/Narthex
	6:00pm	Youth Group
Friday	10:00am	Exercise/AH
	11:00am	Yoga/AH
Sunday	9:30am	Praise Worship/AH
(Sept. 7)	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* 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...