

MUMC Children & Youth Ministry

November 23, 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

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).

November Birthday Part TODAY (room #7).

The Breakfast Club Christmas Show

(Dec. 14th at 9:30am). Practice is every Sunday until noon.

***NO practice today**

***Dress rehearsal is Saturday, December 13th from 10am – 12pm**



Pancakes with Santa – Saturday, December 6th 9:00 -11:30am

Giving Trees – Choose a tag, go shopping, and make a child very happy!

No time for shopping? Ask Gina – she loves to shop! Please tape the original tag to the present (wrapped or bagged) and bring it to church by Dec. 21st.

ENCOUNTER YOUTH MINISTRIES (new logo coming soon)

On Wednesdays, 5th–12th Graders get to know Jesus through prayer, teachings, and service.

Holiday Schedule:

Nov. 26th – No youth meeting – Happy Thanksgiving!

Dec. 3rd – Bible Study at church

Dec. 10th – Caroling in Amanda neighborhood

Dec. 17th – White Elephant Party at church

Dec. 24th – Jan. 7th – Winter Break

Jan. 14^h – Bible Study

Jan. 21st – Mt. Pleasant

Jan. 28th – Bible Study

**** Adults & Family ****

Altar Flowers – The Sanctuary altar flowers are given by Ralph Carpenter in honor of Eleanor Short's birthday today and Ralph's birthday November 22nd. The centerpiece is given by Jane & Smittie Majors in honor of Pam Kilburn's birthday.

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.

The Nazarene Food Pantry – They need canned carrots, canned mandarin oranges, any canned Chef Boyardee, pinto beans. Any items would be appreciated.

Together, We Can Make a Difference: United Methodist Student Day is a time to celebrate the impact of our collective generosity. Join us next **Sunday, November 30th** to support students pursuing their dreams of education and ministry as we receive a special offering for scholarships supporting education and ministry. Mark your offering for "Student Day" or give online to Fund 8413-UM Special Sundays at MonroeUMC.org/Give.

Happy Birthday Jane! – You are invited to the Majors Barn **TODAY** from 2:00-4:00pm to help celebrate Jane Majors' 90th birthday. Stop by, visit with Jane and enjoy dessert. No gifts please.

Christmas in Monroe – We will once again be present at the annual "Christmas in Monroe" event **Saturday, December 6th**, 6-8pm at the City Building. The tree will be lit; there will be activities for the whole family, and we will be there to hand out cookies and materials for children and families. We will need a small number of volunteers to help with getting materials to the event, greeting people, and handing out our gifts. Please let Pastor Jeff know if you are willing to help.

Christmas Poinsettias – It's time again to place your order for poinsettias to decorate the sanctuary and Atchley Hall for Christmas. The cost is \$10 and envelopes for payment will be available in the pews and at the Welcome Center in Atchley Hall. Orders must be in by **TODAY**. The poinsettias come from Bern's Garden Center. They are 6-1/2" pots with 5-7 blooms. You are welcome to take your poinsettias home after the Christmas Eve service.

Christmas Social and Potluck – Please join us for a Christmas Potluck **December 7th** after the late service. We will provide drinks, pork tenderloin, mashed potatoes and gravy. Please bring a side or dessert to share. Feel free to invite a friend or family to join us after the service.

Griefshare: Surviving the Holidays – Free Seminar **Sunday, December 14th**, 2:30-4:30pm in the church library. Register by calling the church office.

This Week at Monroe UMC

TODAY	9:30am	Praise Worship/AH
(Nov. 23)	11:00am	Traditional Worship/Sanctuary
	12:00pm	Decorating the Church
Monday		Church Office Closed
Tuesday	10:00am	Share Group/Parlor
	10:00am	Sewing Group/Youth Room
Thursday		Happy Thanksgiving!
		Church Office Closed
Friday		Church Office Closed
Sunday	9:30am	Praise Worship/AH
	(Nov. 30) 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* 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...