

MUMC Children & Youth Ministry

February 8, 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

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).

Kids Easter Variety Show (March 22) - For any age. Beginning February 15th, practice is every Sunday between 10:30 & noon. Power snacks provided.



Pancakes with the Easter Bunny – Saturday, March 29th, 9:00 – 11:30am



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

**We meet every Wednesday between 6 & 7:30PM.
Bring a friend!**

1st week: Bible Study at church

2nd week: Mount Pleasant

3rd week: Bible Study at church

4th week: Bulls Run Arboretum – meet at church during winter

5th week: Game night at church

**** Adults & Family ****

Altar Flowers – The 2026 altar flower calendar for the sanctuary is hanging on the bulletin board in the narthex; cost is **\$48.00/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 **\$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 peas, canned potatoes, jelly, pancake mix, spaghetti noodles. All items are appreciated.

Newsletter Deadline – The deadline for the March newsletter is Wednesday, February 18th. If you have an article(s) you wish to submit, please send to monroeumc@cinci.rr.com.

UMW Going to LaComedia – An invitation to all women in our church and their friends from the United Methodist Women. We hope you will join us at LaComedia on **April 16th** to see “Jesus Christ Superstar”. We will meet at the church at 10:00am to carpool. Please make your reservation and pay \$53.00 to Arlene Horton or Jane Majors by **March 1st**. Our seats are on the lower level.

Mark Your Calendar: The UMW is having a Mother’s Luncheon on **Saturday, May 2nd**. Invite your female family members.

Medical Response Team – Are you trained or equipped as a doctor, nurse, paramedic, or other health care professional who would be willing to help another person in medical crisis during church events? Please contact Pastor Jeff as this team forms.

Devotionals – *Seeking* devotionals will be available for personal use during Lent. They will be available next **Sunday, February 15th** at no charge. The devotional provides background on the main scripture for the week, original poetry, and original artwork by the authors for your reflection. Pick yours up then.

Lenten Bible Study – A small group Bible study to correlate with our Lenten series, *Seeking: Honest Questions for Deeper Faith* will be offered on Thursdays, 1:15-2:30pm (**starting February 19th**) and Mondays, 6:30-7:45pm (**starting February 23rd**). All you need is a Bible you can read and understand, a curious mind, and a teachable spirit. *No previous experience with small groups or Bible study needed.* Please email the church office at MonroeOHUMC@gmail.com and let us know if you plan to participate.

Habits for a Stronger Life – Small groups for “Habits for a Stronger Life” continue this week. Monday’s group at 6:30pm will cover Habit 3, Giving Thanks, while Thursday’s group at 1:15pm will conclude with Habit 5, Loving Others. You can drop in on either group for a lively and meaningful discussion.

Mark Your Calendars for these Upcoming Special Services:

- Lent begins: Ash Wednesday, February 18th, 7:00pm in the Sanctuary
- Communion, March 1st
- Maundy Thursday, April 2nd, 7:00pm in Atchley Hall
- Good Friday, April 3rd, 7:00pm in the Sanctuary
- Easter Sunday, April 5th – Communion
- Graduate Recognition, May 31st

This Week at Monroe UMC

TODAY	9:30am	Praise Worship/AH
(Feb. 8)	11:00am	Traditional Worship/Sanctuary
Monday		Church Office Closed
	6:00pm	Yoga/AH
	6:30-7:45pm	Small Group/Library
	7:00pm	Scouts/AH
Tuesday	10:00am	Share Group/Parlor
	10:00pm	Sewing Group/Youth Room
Wednesday	11:00am	Yoga/Narthex
	6:00pm	Youth
	7:00pm	Praise Team/AH
Thursday	1:15-2:30pm	Small Group/Library
Friday	10:00am	Exercise/AH
	11:00am	Yoga/AH
Sunday	9:30am	Praise Worship/AH
(Feb. 15)	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...