

MUMC Children & Youth Ministry

February 22, 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

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).

Center

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 Atchley Hall flowers are given by Alan & Denise Dyke in honor of Alan's birthday.

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 potatoes, carrots, peaches, pineapple, pork & beans, jelly, mashed potato flakes, peanut butter, rice packets, spaghetti noodles. All items are appreciated.

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.

Thank You – We would like to thank our church family and friends for prayers, food, cards and phone calls during our recent health issues. Blessings to our friends, Jane and Smittie Majors.

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.

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.

Lenten Offering – Again this year the Mission Committee will be using the offering to help feed the women and children at the Hope House in Middletown. Once a month we furnish groceries that they request and they now have a cook that comes in everyday and cooks their meals for around 30 people. Thank you in advance for your generosity for helping support this project.

Potluck Party – On **March 15th** we will have a Potluck Dinner after the second service. Fried chicken, drinks and tableware will be provided. We ask that you bring either a side dish or dessert to complete the meal.

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

Mark Your Calendars for these Upcoming Special Services:

- 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 (Feb. 22)	9:30am 11:00am	First Sunday in Lent Praise Worship/AH Traditional Worship/Sanctuary
Monday	6:00pm 6:30-7:45pm 7:00pm	Church Office Closed Yoga/AH <i>Seeking</i> Small Group/Library Scouts/AH
Tuesday	10:00am 10:00pm	Share Group/Parlor Sewing Group/Youth Room
Wednesday	11:00am 6:00pm 7:00pm	Yoga/Narthex Youth Group Praise Team/AH
Thursday	1:15-2:30pm 6:00-8:30pm	<i>Seeking</i> Small Group/Library Emmaus Gathering/AH
Friday	10:00am 11:00am	Exercise/AH Yoga/AH
Sunday (March 1)	9:30am 11:00am	Second Sunday in Lent Praise Worship/AH 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...