

MUMC Children & Youth Ministry

March 29, 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

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.

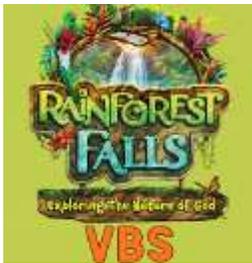
Amanda Elementary children and parents appreciate your Christian love and academic encouragement.

LINK Adult Readers

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).

Thanks to EVERYONE for ALL the help with our Easter event. It was a great success!



Let's explore the nature of God at Vacation Bible School!

July 12th–16th from 5:30-8:30pm



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 – **Altar Flowers** – The Sanctuary altar flowers are given by Judy Johnson in honor of her birthday March 31st. The rose on the altar is in honor of the birth of Paige Kruse Kilburn born March 12th. She is the daughter of Tad and Jessica Kilburn, granddaughter of Rob & Pam Kilburn and great-granddaughter of Smittie & Jane Majors. The Atchley Hall flowers are given by Michelle Wysong in memory of her mom, Eileen Ostermeier'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 canned peaches, canned potatoes, canned tomatoes, flour, oil, sugar. Thanks for your generous support.

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. Through last Sunday, we have given **\$586** for this year's **Lenten Offering** in support of our ministry with **Hope House's** work with women and children. Please continue to give by marking your offering for **Lenten Offering** or **Hope House** through **April 12th**. Thank you for using your blessedness to bless others.

Maundy Thursday Helpers Needed – Join us as we remember Jesus' new commandment and last meal with his disciples on Maundy Thursday, **April 2nd at 7:00pm** in Atchley Hall. We'll share in an interactive worship experience and see Jesus, Peter, and Judas. We are looking for two readers and one or two others to portray some disciples.

Good Friday Readers Needed – You're invited to share in a reflective Good Friday service, **April 3rd at 7:00pm** in the Sanctuary. We are looking for three scripture readers. Please contact Pastor Jeff to serve.

Something New is Coming – and We'd Love for You to Be Part of It

Starting **Thursday, April 16th, 1:15 – 2:30pm**. In the church library, Monroe UMC launches a new four-week small group Bible study: ***Fearless: Overcoming Fear with Faith***.

We live in anxious times. Fear of the future, fear of what others think, worry that never quite lets go – most of us know that feeling well. Over five Thursday afternoons, we'll explore what Scripture says about fear and discover together why it says "do not be afraid" more than 100 times. We'll find that faith isn't the absence of fear – it's the courage to trust God in the middle of it. No experience required. No pressure. Just open chairs, good conversation, and people who are glad you showed up.

And join us for our new message series ***Fearless: Overcoming Fear with Faith*** starting **Sunday, April 19th, 9:30 & 11:00am**.

*Join us **April 16th and April 19th**. Bring a friend. There's room for everyone.*

Holy Week Services - Remember Jesus' last week on earth with our Holy Week services this week as we prepare our hearts for the celebration of the Resurrection:

- On **Maundy Thursday, April 2nd**, we will remember Jesus' final time with his disciples at 7:00pm in Atchley Hall. Holy Communion will be shared.
- On **Good Friday, April 3rd**, we will recall Jesus' suffering and death on the cross at 7:00pm in the Sanctuary.

Praise the Lord with Singing on **Sunday, April 12th**. Our **Praise Celebration** begins at 9:30am in Atchley Hall, with favorite praise and worship songs as well as some old favorite hymns. At 11:00, our **Song Service** in the Sanctuary features your favorite hymns. Invite a friend to join you for a wonderful morning of music and song!

Thank You – Thank you, Monroe UMC, for generously participating in the mission of the UM Committee on Relief (UMCOR) in the amount of \$1,192.03 to date. Through your gifts, you are there, walking alongside all those suffering after a disaster and with those assisting them in recovering and rebuilding. Thanks for being a blessing!

Thank You – Thank you to everyone who was part of our special **Pancakes with the Easter Bunny** by giving, donating, serving, or attending. You are a blessing to many, many children and families in our community.

Mother's Day Luncheon – The UMW is having a luncheon **Saturday, May 2nd at 12:00pm** and it's open to all females in your family. There will be an assortment of sandwiches, potato salad, Jello salad, mac and cheese, fruit, chips, drinks and dessert. The deadline is April 19th to have your reservation in for your family, so we will know how much to prepare for the luncheon. We are asking \$5.00 per person to offset some of the cost. You can pay by Cash or Check. Checks need to be made out to UMW. You can give your cash or check to either Arlene Horton at the 9:30 service or Paula Barricklow at the 11:00 service. Please put in the memo on your check how many family members there will be attending. Put cash in an envelope with your name and number of family members attending.

This Week at Monroe UMC

TODAY (March 29)	9:30am 11:00am	Palm Sunday Praise Worship/AH Traditional Worship/Sanctuary
Monday	6:00pm 7:00pm	Church Office Closed Yoga/AH 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 7:00pm	Maundy Thursday Seeking Small Group/Library Worship Service/Atchley Hall
Friday	7:00pm	Good Friday Worship Service/Sanctuary
Sunday (April 5)	9:30am 11:00am	Easter Sunday 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...