

MUMC Children & Youth Ministry

April 12, 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).



Summer Sundays at the Park! Every LAST Sunday (May through July), after Sunday school, we will walk to Monroe Community Park (412 Old St.). Please pick your child up in front of the playground by 12:30pm



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 – The Atchley Hall flowers are given by Phil & Jennifer Lacefield in honor of the first birthday of Ellie Celine Pineda – great-granddaughter.

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.

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!

The Nazarene Food Pantry – Help feed our neighbors who struggle to make ends meet through our partnership with the Food Pantry at Monroe Church of the Nazarene. They had 37 families last week. They need meal helper beef & tuna, canned fruit cocktail, mandarin oranges, peaches, pineapple, peanut butter, canned baked beans, peas, pinto beans, potatoes, tomatoes. They really do appreciate your help.

What's up at Monroe UMC? – Want to find out what's up at Monroe UMC? Visit our website at **MonroeUMC.org** for news, events, ministries, and devotions. Or **like, follow, comment, or share our posts with others** on Facebook (@Monroe United Methodist Church), YouTube (@MonroeUnitedMethodist), Instagram (@MonroeUMCOH), or X (@united_mon97685).

Newsletter Deadline – The deadline for the May newsletter is Wednesday, April 22nd. If you have an article(s) you wish to submit, please send to monroeumc@cinci.rr.com.

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.

Strengthening Native American Ministries – Your Role Matters – Through Native American Ministries Sunday, we help develop and strengthen Native-led ministries provide educational scholarships, and fund programs that preserve Native culture and traditions. Your offering directly impacts Native American churches and leaders within our annual conference and beyond. Mark your calendar for next **Sunday, April 19**, and prayerfully consider how you can support this vital ministry by giving a special offering. Mark your envelope for “Native American,” or give online at [MonroeUMC.org/Give to Fund 8413-Special Sundays](https://www.monroeumc.org/Give-to-Fund-8413-Special-Sundays). Thank you for your support.

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	9:30am	Praise Worship/AH
(April 12)	11:00am	Traditional Worship/Sanctuary
Monday		Church Office Closed
	6:00pm	Yoga/AH
	7:00pm	Scouts/AH
Tuesday	10:00am	Share Group/Parlor
	10:00pm	Sewing Group/Youth Room
	7:00pm	Emmaus Board Meeting/AH
Wednesday	11:00am	Yoga/Narthex
		Women's Emmaus Walk
Thursday		Women's Emmaus Walk
	10:00am	UMW Leave for LaComedia
	1:15-2:30pm	Bible Study/Library
Friday		Women's Emmaus Walk
Saturday		Women's Emmaus Walk
Sunday	9:30am	Praise Worship/AH
(April 19)	11:00am	Traditional Worship/AH
		Women's Emmaus Walk Ends

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...