

MUMC Children & Youth Ministry

May 17, 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

VBS Work Days at MUMC: May 15th & June 12th, 2:00-5:00pm
Help make decorations & prepare materials for the craft station

ENCOUNTER YOUTH GROUP

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!**

YOUTH MISSION DAYS

When: June 2nd – June 5th, 2026

Where: Bull's Run Arboretum, Middletown, OH

Project: Christian storybook trail

Fundraiser: Client & Live Auction TODAY!
Food & refreshments provided!



**** 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 beef ramen noodles, canned: carrots, peas, tomatoes, and stuffing. They really do appreciate your help. “

United Methodist Women – The United Methodist Women will meet **Thursday, May 21st** at 1:00pm for their first meeting of the year. There will be a short program by Rachel Sheets from Abilities First, devotions by Terry Chapman and a brief meeting with refreshments to follow. Please bring paper towels, toys or clothes for infants to 10 years to donate to Abilities First. All ladies of the church are invited to attend. Come and enjoy a relaxed, informative 60 or so minutes of socialization with your church lady friends. It’s a great way to meet ladies from both services. Hope to see you there!

This Sunday, May 17th - We are wrapping up our “Fearless: Overcoming Fear with Faith” series with the message “When the Whole World Is Frightening.” Join us at 9:30am in Atchley Hall or 11:00am in the Sanctuary. Or find us on our Facebook page or our YouTube channel. We hope to share worship with you Sunday!

You’re invited to an **Auction this Sunday**. Plenty of nice items!

- Silent Auction, 10:30am – Write down your bids
- Silent Auction Items include” artwork, plants gift baskets (chocolate, cat, garden 4th of July, etc.)
- Live Auction after 11:00 service (approximately 12:15pm) – Get in on the action!
- Live Auction Items include: autographed Bengals football cap, 2 tickets for Cincinnati Symphony Orchestra, baked goods

Proceeds will help the Youth Mission Experience June 205 at Bull’s Run Arboretum in Middletown.

CHURCH RUMMAGE SALE – JUNE 5TH AND 6TH – 8AM – 4PM

This year we will be doing things a little differently – please read the following.

Church members and or family members are welcome to come set up items for the rummage sale – these are the guidelines we will be following:

You bring your items – **all priced** – and you will be given an area for them to be displayed.

At the end of the sale on Saturday – at 4:00pm – you are to return and pick up any of your items left over from the rummage sale.

If you know anyone who wants to set up a table in the parking lot – the one right behind the main building (lower parking lot will be for visitors to park in) to sell garage sale goods or crafts they can do that. Again, they need to set up and remove all items when the sale is over. A small donation of \$10 to the church if they do this would be appreciated.

Please let us know if you plan on bringing stuff so we can plan on the number of tables.

There will also be a Bake Sale and food available for purchase.

Address Directory Update – Please help us update our church address directory. Today, we are circulating **review copies** of our church directory information.

- If your information is correct, please put a check mark ✓ beside it so we know you reviewed it.
- If your information is incorrect, please **clearly and legibly print** your changes at your entry.
- If your children or grandchildren have entries, you may also review those.
- If your entry is missing and should be included, please **clearly and legibly print** your information on the final page.

Please be sure to check carefully your email address, home phone (landline), mobile phone (cell), and your street address. We know that these need to be updated periodically. THANK YOU FOR YOUR HELP!

Plan to Join Us – Have you ever wondered if there's more to life than what you can see? This Pentecost and Trinity Sundays, **May 24th & 31st**, Monroe United Methodist invites you into a two-week journey through one of history's most extraordinary stories: the day God's Spirit was poured out on ordinary people like you. Whether you've been in church your whole life or you've never felt like you belong in one, Spirit Unbound is for you. No pressure. No insider language, just a real conversation about the God who refuses to stay locked up and the life we were made for.

Save the Date & Invite a Friend – This summer, join Monroe United Methodist Church for **REAL TALK: Honest Conversations with God**, a practical and encouraging series about prayer and everyday life. Together we'll explore peace in anxious moments, hope in uncertain times, forgiveness, purpose, and learning how to talk honestly with God – no perfect words required. Whether you've prayed your whole life or aren't sure where to begin, you are welcome here. Sundays, **June 7-August 9** at 9:30 & 11:00am in person and online at MonroeUMC.org, Facebook, and YouTube.



United Methodist Laity across Ohio are invited to “Hats of Purpose,” on Tuesday, June 9, from 7:00 PM – 8:30 PM via Zoom. This virtual event is a time of fellowship, learning, collaboration, and support for laity serving in key roles in churches across the East and West Ohio Conferences.

Being called by God to serve your church and community can be rewarding, yet the laity can encounter distinct challenges living out that call. If you serve on any committee or in any ministry, “Hats of Purpose” is for you. We hope you leave this event feeling supported, inspired, and energized to continue in your ministry service.

Registration is free. Sign up at <https://www.westohioumc.org/civicrm/event/info?reset=1&id=2467>.

Newsletter Deadline – The deadline for the June newsletter is **Wednesday, May 20th**. If you have an article(s) you wish to submit, please remit to monroeumc@cinci.rr.com.

Thank You – Thank you to Terry Chapman, Jana Hutchinson, Herb & Ginny Gansheimer and Jane Majors who donated the carnations for the ladies on Mother's Day.

Wear RED next Sunday, May 24th, as we celebrate the birthday of the Church and the gift of the Holy Spirit on the Day of Pentecost.

This Week at Monroe UMC

TODAY	9:30am	Praise Worship/AH
(May 17)	10:45am-1:00pm	Silent Auction Youth Mission Fundraiser/AH
	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
	1:00pm	Finance Committee/Library
Wednesday	11:00am	Yoga/Narthex
	6:00pm	Youth
	7:00pm	Praise Team/AH
		Newsletter Deadline
Thursday	1:00pm	United Methodist Women/AH
Friday		Office Closed for Memorial Day
Sunday	9:30am	Praise Worship/AH
(May 24)	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...