

MUMC Children & Youth Ministry

July 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



VBS begins today at 5:30. Leaders please arrive at 5:00 for this first night to get your shirt, fill out forms, and set up your stations.

It's not too late to register your child (monroeumc.org) and walk-ins are welcome.

Thanks to EVERYONE for ALL the donations and hard work.

This is going to be another wild and wonderful VBS!

ENCOUNTER YOUTH GROUP



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

The YOUTH MISSION PROJECT was a great success! Thank you ALL for supporting our ministry.

Please visit Bull's Run Arboretum in Middletown, OH to walk the trail and enjoy our poems, passages, and artwork. MUMC made it possible!

****Adults & Family****

Altar Flowers – The Atchley Hall flowers are given by Phil & Jennifer Lacefield in memory of Jennifer's parents, Gloria & Jim Gayhart's heavenly anniversary and in memory of Gloria's heavenly birthday on July 10th.

Altar Flowers – The 2026 altar flower calendar for the sanctuary is hanging on the bulletin board in the narthex. The cost for sanctuary altar flowers is **\$25 for one vase and \$48 for 2 vases**. 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 beans: black, kidney, pinto, canned carrots, helper meals, stuffing, potatoes: boxed, canned, mashed. They really appreciate our help.

Fragrance-Free Request: Out of consideration for those with allergies, asthma, and fragrance sensitivities, we kindly ask that you *refrain from wearing perfumes, colognes, and other scented products* to worship services and church events. Thank you for helping us provide a welcoming and comfortable environment for everyone. (And yes, we have people who are sensitive to fragrances and must choose to avoid worship because of them.)

UMCOR – Through the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR), you can help rescue, recovery and restoration efforts in Venezuela, which was hit by two major earthquakes this week and where some 50,000 people are missing. Give an offering for "UMCOR Disasters" made out to Monroe UMC, and we will forward this to UMCOR. To give online, visit MonroeUMC.org/Give and choose "Fund 8411-UMCOR Disasters." To give by text, text "\$amount Disaster" to (513)547-9908. We invite you to join us in this prayerful response for Venezuela: "God of mercy, we pray for the people of Venezuela. Extend strength and protection to the first responders as they assist the injured and trapped. Give healing and hope to survivors as they recover. Comfort all who have lost loved ones and homes. Bring peace and stability to this nation that has endured so much turmoil. We pray that compassion would extend to Venezuela from around the world, and that generosity, care, and love would overflow in our hearts and in our response. Amen."

Our Agape Fund helps people and families in our area meet basic needs in life. We have recently given several grants and the fund is depleted. Would you consider a gift to Fund 8404-Agape Fund? Any amount helps. Thank you.

Sewing Group – The sewing Group will **NOT** be meeting during the month of July. They will resume Tuesday, August 4th.

Trustees Meeting – The Trustees will meet **Thursday, July 23rd at 7:00pm** this month due to Vacation Bible School being held the third week.

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

Midyear Giving Statements – The church sent out midyear giving statements on Monday, July 6th via email to all those for whom we have valid email addresses. We have some printed statements to be handed out today to those present in worship. If you have questions or wish to receive a printed statement, please contact Financial Secretary Anne Lapham.

This Week at Monroe UMC

TODAY (July 12)	9:30am	Praise Worship/AH
	11:00am	Traditional Worship/Sanctuary
	5:30-8:30pm	Vacation Bible School Begins
Monday		Church Office Closed
	5:30-8:30pm	Vacation Bible School
Tuesday	10:00am	Share Group/Parlor
	5:30-8:30pm	Vacation Bible School
Wednesday	11:00am	Yoga/Narthex
	5:30-8:30pm	Vacation Bible School
Thursday	5:30-8:30pm	Vacation Bible School
Friday	10:00am	Exercise/AH
	11:00am	Yoga/AH
Sunday (July 19)	9:30am	Praise Worship/AH
	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..."*