

MUMC Children & Youth Ministry

September 6, 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.



Christmas Play (December 13th) practice begins
Sunday, September 27th from 10:45 - noon.
Practice is every Sunday through December 6th

The Amanda Outreach / Slinky Tutoring Center

First day back – Monday, September 14th – 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).

ENCOUNTER YOUTH GROUP

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

**Meetings will resume on Wednesdays,
beginning September 16th, from 6:00-7:30pm**



****Adults & Family****

Altar Flowers – The Atchley Hall flowers are given by Anne Lapham in honor of Jerry's 91st birthday August 26th.

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 canned peas, helper meals, ketchup, beef Ramen noodles. They really appreciate our help.

Join the Choir! Larry Daniel invites all singers to be a part of the Chancel Choir at the 11:00am Traditional service! Rehearsals begin **Sunday, September 13th** at 10:00am right before the 11:00am service. We have some very enjoyable music to sing! We will be singing several different styles of music, and I look forward to seeing you soon. If you have questions, please reach out to me at 513.827.1483 or email ldaniel5867@yahoo.com.

United Methodist Women – The United Methodist Women will meet **Thursday, September 10th at 1:00pm** in Atchley Hall. Hostesses are Arlene Horton and Jean Jerew with devotions by Ellen Osterman. There will be a program by John Rice from Middletown One Way Farm. Please bring hygiene products for Abilities First (shampoo, soap, etc.). All women of the church are invited.

NEW MEN'S GROUP STARTING!

GENTLEMEN! You are all encouraged to mark your calendars for **Saturday, September 12th** at 9:00am as we launch a new Men's Group! We will enjoy a small breakfast together, spend some time in God's Word, and brainstorm how we can take an active role in ministering to our community. All men are invited and consider bringing someone with you!

Church Potluck Lunch Scheduled: In celebration of their 60-seat Challenge, the 9:30am service Praise Team invites everyone to a potluck meal following the 11:00am service on **Sunday, September 13th**. The main dish, drinks, and tableware will be provided; please bring a side dish or dessert to share. Everyone is encouraged to invite a friend!

Powerful Tools for Caregivers: Do you feel overwhelmed or overextended? Are you concerned about aging parents, or a spouse or friend with chronic illness? Do you wonder what resources are available in our community? Powerful Tools for Caregivers classes help us manage caregiving from an empowered place. We meet for six, 90-minute sessions and class size is limited to 12 participants. Our next class session will meet on **Tuesdays, starting September 15, 2026, from 10:00-11:30am** in the chapel at Ohio Living, Mt. Pleasant. If you know of a caregiver or family member who needs encouragement and support, or would like to register for this free program, please call Ohio Living at 513.539.7391 or email Chaplain Jen at jrue@ohioliving.org.

Mission Committee: We would like to invite church members, friends and community members to our **FREE Lasagna Dinner Social** being held on **Thursday, September 24th** in Atchley Hall from 6:00 to 7:15pm. We will be serving,
Lasagna, Toss Salad, Garlic Bread, Dessert and Drinks

(There will also be a small amount of spaghetti and meatballs for those who do not like Lasagna)

This is a FREE dinner so bring or invite a friend or neighbor.

We are also asking that you bring a can of fruit or vegetable to donate to the Nazarene Church Pantry here in Monroe. They are feeding about 30+ families now.

Hope and Healing: UMCOR Disaster Response

When disasters strike, United Methodists respond. Following the devastating 7.4-magnitude earthquake in Colombia and severe mid-August flooding across Indiana and Ohio, UMCOR is providing immediate food, clean water, and cleanup supplies.

Across our connection, UMCOR is also assisting recent relief efforts for:

- **U.S. Disasters:** Tornadoes in Wisconsin, wildfires in Washington, and flash flooding in West Virginia and Mississippi.
- **Global Relief:** Earthquakes in Venezuela.

100% of your designated gift goes directly to relief! Give today via our church app/offering (memo: UMCOR and # below) or online to fund 8411 with # below in notes:

- **U.S. Disaster Response:** Advance #901670
- **International Disaster Response:** Advance #982450

Find Your Place | Sunday, Sept 20: Everyone longs to belong! Join us Sunday, September 20 for Back-to-Church Sunday as we host "Find Your Place." Pray now about inviting a friend, relative, neighbor, or co-worker to join you for worship and fellowship. Pick up invitation cards today!

This Week at Monroe UMC

TODAY (Sept. 6) Monday	9:30am	Praise Worship/AH
	11:00am	Traditional Worship/Sanctuary
		Labor Day Church Office Closed
Tuesday	6:00pm	Yoga/AH
	7:00pm	Scouts/AH
	10:00am	Share Group/Parlor
	10:00am	Sewing Group/YR
	6:30pm	Music Team/AH
Wednesday	7:00pm	Emmaus Board Mtg/Library
	11:00am	Yoga/Narthex
	7:00pm	Praise Team/AH
Thursday	1:00pm	United Methodist Women/AH
Friday	10:00am	Exercise/AH
	11:00am	Yoga/AH
Sunday (Sept. 13)		Happy Grandparents Day
	9:30am	Praise Worship/AH
	11:00am	Traditional Worship/AH
	12:00pm	Potluck/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...