

MUMC Children & Youth Ministry

September 13, 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 Karen Kitchell in honor of Jerry Kitchell. The Sanctuary flowers are given by Gary Hoff in honor of Bobbie's 80th birthday today, September 13th.

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 pineapple, canned mandarin oranges, canned potatoes, canned peas, chicken noodle soup, peanut butter, jelly, helper meals (both beef & tuna), mashed potatoes. They served 28 families this week. They really appreciate our help.

Newsletter Deadline – The deadline for the October newsletter is **Wednesday, September 16th**. If you have an article(s) you wish to submit, please send to monroeumc@cinci.rr.com.

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.

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 vegetables to donate to the Nazarene Church Pantry here in Monroe. They are feeding about 30+ families now.

GriefShare Group – A GriefShare grief support group for people grieving the death of a loved one is starting soon. Please join us **Wednesday, September 23rd** at 1:00pm in the Church Library.

At GriefShare you'll watch a weekly video with counsel and insights from respected grief experts and relatable personal stories – followed by a time of sharing and support. Session topics include what's normal in grief; how to handle difficult emotions and what to do with regrets, questions, and worries.

For more information, contact the church office at [513.539.7290](tel:513.539.7290) or MonroeOHUMC@gmail.com, or visit griefshare.org.

To sign up, please visit <https://find.griefshare.org/groups/305156>. Registration is free and necessary so we can have materials for you.

Men's Walk to Emmaus – Next week we are hosting the Men's Walk to Emmaus from Thursday through Sunday. Please only visit the office during those weekdays. Both the 9:30 and 11:00am worship services will meet in the Sanctuary on **Sunday, September 20th**.

This Week at Monroe UMC

TODAY	9:30am	Praise Worship/AH
(Sept. 13)	11:00am	Traditional Worship/Sanctuary
	12:00pm	Potluck/AH
Monday		Church Office Closed
	6:00pm	Yoga/AH
	7:00pm	Scouts/AH
Tuesday	10:00am	Share Group/Parlor
	10:00am	Sewing Group/YR
	1:00pm	Finance Committee/Library
Wednesday	11:00am	Yoga/Narthex
	4:00-10:00pm	Set-up for Emmaus Walk
	6:00pm	Youth
		Newsletter Deadline
Thursday		Men's Emmaus Walk
	10:30am	Worship Committee/Library
Friday		Men's Emmaus Walk
Saturday		Men's Emmaus Walk
Sunday		Men's Emmaus Walk Ends
(Sept. 20)	9:30am	Praise Worship/Sanctuary
	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...